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The above Works to be completed in accordance with Specifications prepared by the Town Surveyor, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively, and which may be seen, and Tender Forms for each obtained, at the Office of the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. S. Munce, B.E., M.Inst.C.E., 24 Arthur Street, Belfast.

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DAVID BELL, Town Clerk.
Council Office, Town Hall,
Holywood, 31st December, 1938.

COUNTY NOTICES.

COUNTY OF ANTRIM. MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT, 1918.

THE ANTRIM COUNTY COUNCIL, as the Local Supervising Authority under the above Act, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that all MIDWIVES practising or who intend to practise in the COUNTY OF ANTRIM (outside the City of Belfast) during the year commencing 1st January, 1939, are hereby required to forward their Names and Addresses at once to the undersigned.

Failure to give such Notice or the wilful giving of false statements in any such Notice is a punishable offence.

ALEXANDER MILLAR, Secretary.
County Courthouse, Belfast,
31st December, 1938.

LEGAL NOTICES.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Goods of the Reverend Father RICHARD M'DONNELL, late of Jonesboro', Newry, in the County of Armagh, Parish Priest, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS claiming to be Creditors or otherwise having any Claims or Demand against the assets of the above-named Deceased are hereby required to send full particulars of any such Claim or Demand to the under-mentioned Solicitor for the Executors forthwith.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1938.
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Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary of the Admiralty (C.W. Branch), S.W.1, or the Commanding Officer of any Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Division.

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WANTED, NURSES (Female). Previous experience unnecessary. Age limit, 18-30 years. Apply by letter to MATRON, Mental Hospital, Purdysburn Villa Colony, Belfast.

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WANTED, a bright, well-educated Boy for city Office; must be highly recommended. Box 1376.

WANTED, Canvassers, Credit Drapery; only those experienced need apply; wages, commission.—Box 4654a.

WANTED, Ropemakers, House Machine Hands, &c. Apply, stating age and experience, to Box PX9061.

WANTED, Apprentice Bricklayer, Holywood Road. State wages, experience, Box 4841a.

WHEN seeking Employment, consult Ulster Employment Bureau, 93 High Street, Belfast. Phone 25141.

WANTED, Young Lady, 16 to 17, for General Office Work; shorthand and typewriting essential. Apply with copy references, Box 4839.

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WANTED Young Girl leaving school, Tobacconist and Confectionery business in Bangor; good home and wages; applicants must state full particulars.—Box 1449.

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WANTED immediately, clean healthy Young Girl to train; good home.—Box 2967.

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WANTED, experienced General; good home and wages to suitable person. Apply 9 Castle Park, Old Cavehill Road; or Phone 46381.

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On TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1939, at ELEVEN o'clock,

DOHERTY ORGAN; ORGAN AND PIANO SEATS; OAK ENCLOSED CHINA CABINET; Mahogany Circular Table; Mahogany Gate-leg Table; Oak Fall-front Bureau; Walnut Davenport Inlaid Rosewood Elbow Chair; Oak Tea Trolly; 3-piece Chesterfield Suites, upholstered in moquette, velour and rexine; Old-Coloured Prints and Water Colours; Jap Vases and Decorative China; Pr. Rockingham Lions; Dining Suites, in oak; Pr. Wal. Carving Chairs; Oak Draw-out Dining Tables; Mahog., Wal. and Oak Enclosed Sideboards; Overmantels; Ash Bedroom Suite; Mahogany, Walnut and Coloured Wardrobes; Oak and Coloured Dressing Chests and Chests of Drawers; Oak, B. & I. Beds; Wire Springs; Hair Mattresses; Axminster and Velvet Pile Room and Stair Carpets and Rugs; Fireproof Safe, by Perry, 24in. x 17in. x 15in.; Fireproof Safe, 36in. x 25in. x 25in.; Oak Pedestal Desk, with tooled top; Set of 5 Polished Hardwood Chairs; G.E.C. Car Radio, complete; 5-valve Receiver (A.C.); Osram Battery Receiver and others; Gent.'s Elswick Cycle (as new); Lady's Humber Cycle; Chip Range, by Ford (gas); Provision, Fruit and Confectionery Scales; Paper Trimming Machine and Lot Wallpapers; about 4,500 Books, Novels, Travel, History, etc.

ON VIEW MONDAY.

Auctioneers, CLARKE & SON, Valuers.
Phone 23477 (2 lines).

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—GOOD SOUND INSURANCE BOOK in Friendly Society. Nett income not less than £3 weekly. State price, districts covered and fullest particulars. Good price given for good Book.—Box 1378

MECHANIC wants Employment; 15 years experience; Protestant; highest references; city.—Box 1350.

NURSE (trained), middle-aged, desires Position, companion-help or semi-invalid; moderate salary.—Box 4718a.

NURSE (refined) would go as Companion to lady or gentleman; good housekeeper.—Box P4747.

PHARMACEUTICAL Apprentice desires change; some experience.—Box 4830.

RESPECTABLE Woman, well recommended, would go Daily Housework; low wage.—Box 4789a.

SUPERIOR Young Woman seeks Position as Housekeeper; highly recommended.—Box 4723a.

YOUNG Married Man (30) seeks Farm Labour; Protestant; life experience; highly recommended. Apply M'Cleery, Breathwait's Close, Tullynacross, Lisburn.

AGENCIES.

LUBRICATING Oils—Two Agents required in Counties Antrim and Londonderry to sell Industrial and Motor Oils on liberal terms. State full particulars, copies of references, to Box PX8968.

HOTELS.

PORTAFERRY HOTEL, PORTAFERRY.
IDEALLY SITUATED ON SEA FRONT.
Open to Non-Residents.
Hot and Cold in Bedrooms. Electric Light.
'Phone: Portaferry 231.

LONDON—CORA HOTEL.
Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1.
Near Northern Terminal Stations and Russell Square.
Accommodates 235 visitors. Central. Room, Bath and Breakfast, 8/6. A.A. & R.A.C.

SOUTHPORT.—Hotel Regis, 51 Alexandra Road; modern, central, gardens, garages, free car parking; hot and cold water. Telephone 401711.

APARTMENTS TO LET.

A [illegible] homely, good food.—48 Connsbrook Ave.

BOARD-RESIDENCE, all accommodation; 1d stage.—103 Ormeau Road.

BOARD-RESIDENCE, suit respectable working man, 1d stage. Address here. 4730a

BED-SITTING-ROOM to Let, University district; gas fire with own slot meter if desired. Address here. 4722a

BOARD-RESIDENCE, electric, phone; 1d stage.—Tait, 19 Mount Charles, off University Road.

KNOCK.—Board-Residence, suit professional, commercial, or retired gentleman; every convenience; garage. Phone 62-2231.

MARRIED couple can have comfortable Apartments in modern home; moderate terms; Sydenham district.—Box 4742a.

ROOM, suit working man, central, Board, cheap.—24 Waring Street.

RESPECTABLE man can have clean comfortable Board-Residence with two in family, 1d stage Ravenhill district. Address here. 4733

TO Let, two Unfurnished Rooms, Great Victoria Street. Address here. 4836a

UNFURNISHED Sitting-room and Bedroom, cooker; modern villa, Malone Road; bus passes 15s weekly.—Box 1397.

APARTMENTS WANTED.

BUSINESS girl requires comfortable Bedroom, Donegall Road area, 1d stage.—Box 4802a.

GENT. (R.C.) requires Digs, Cregagh or Willowfield districts. Terms to Box 4717a.

GENTLEMAN seeks full Board and Lodging; cleanliness essential; Ravenhill or Woodstock vicinity.—Box 1440.

GENTLEMAN requires superior Board-Residence, vicinity Balmoral Avenue; garage. Box 4666.

LADY requires small, comfortable Bedroom, very moderate. State terms, Box 4731a.

MAN requires Apartments with young couple or widow; reasonable terms; no other boarders; garage convenient; consider sharing small house or flat.—Box 4745.

NICE Apartments wanted by lady, with one lady preferred; North end.—Box 4726a.

TWO young men (students) want Board-Residence, convenient University; no other boarders.—Box 4664.

TWO business gentlemen require Board, Sitting-room and 2 Bedrooms, in well-furnished house; garage if possible. State terms. Box 4761.

YOUNG Man requires full board, exclusive use of sitting-room preferred; convenient Shaftesbury Square; state terms.—Box 1446.

YOUNG Lady requires Bed-Sitting Room in quiet home, lone lady preferred, or Furnished Room over shop; vicinity Holywood or Albertbridge Roads; own key, permanent; state terms.—Box 1443.

FURNISHED FLATS TO LET.

BANGOR.—Furnished self-contained Flat, ground floor; suit two persons; permanent; cooker.—67 Gray's Hill.

SELF-CONTAINED Furnished Flat; telephone, electric.—7 Royal Terrace, Lisburn Road.

LOST AND FOUND.

BLACK Half-Persian Cat strayed from 406 Lisburn Road; owner much attached to pet; would be deeply grateful for any information.

LOST, Thursday, Black Cocker Bitch; reward.—75 Hopeton Street.

LOST, Black Cat, answering Nigger; had collar on; finder rewarded.—39 Hartington Street.

LOST, Canadian Pension Cheque, vicinity Mountpottinger. Finder rewarded, 83 Victoria Road, Sydenham.

LOST, Two Red Springing Heifers and one Red and White Heifer.—John Gibson, Hillside Farm, Lower Castlereagh.

LOST, Bathing Costume between Ormeau Avenue and Antrim Road; reward. Address here. 4853a

LOST, yesterday, Parcel, in or between Robb's and Arnott's; reward.—28 Norfolk Parade, Glen Road.

LOST on Wednesday, vicinity Bradbury Place or Donegall Road, Gent.'s Right-hand Doeskin Glove; reward.—20 Pandora Street.

LOST, Gent.'s Left-hand Gauntlet Fur-backed Glove, on Monday, 26th, in Coningsby Street Garage. Finder rewarded on returning same to 28 Mountview Street.

LOST on Friday, on tram between Lisburn Road and Shaftesbury Square or city, Gold-filled Fountain Pen, name inscribed; reward.—547 Lisburn Road.

LOST, 26th, Lady's Gold Wristlet Watch on Springfield, West Circular or Ballygomartin Roads; police notified; reward.—16 Woodvale Road.

LOST, Gent.'s Gold Wristlet Watch, Friday, between Ormeau Road 1.20 tram and Victoria Square; reward.—R. M'Dowell, 18 High Street.

FOUND in Anderson and M'Auley's Shoe Department on Christmas Eve, Fur-backed Glove. Owner can have same by proving property.

FOUND—Dogs: Black cocker, black and white terrier (long tail), black and white half-cocker, black and white smooth fox, black and white smooth pup, black and tan terrier (long tail). Bitches: Alsatian, black and white wire fox terrier Irish terrier pup, blank and tan terrier, brown pup. Several mongrels; several cats. Apply Animals' Shelter, U.S.P.C.A., 5 Hamilton Street.

STRAYED from 73 Knockbreda Park, 29-12-38, S. and W. Smooth Collie Bitch. Reward.

This Week's News in Pictures. See the "Weekly Telegraph."

FOR SALE.

SALE COMMENCING MONDAY
JANUARY 2nd.
BEAUTIFUL ART SILK FABRICS
In Short Lengths,
Suitable for making all classes of NEEDLEWORK ARTICLES, in full range of Colourings, 44in. wide, at the low price of 1s 6½d per yard.
LINEN REMNANTS CHEAP.
ALL ODDMENTS OF STOCK WILL BE CLEARED AT CONSIDERABLY REDUCED PRICES.
SPECIAL LINE—Chinese Hand-embroidered Tray Cloths, two for 1s 0½d.
ELLA LANGDALE,
20 QUEEN'S ARCADE.

NOBLE'S
QUEEN'S QUAY AND WHITEHALL BUILDINGS, ANN STREET.
'Phone: 57288 (2 lines).

	Per Ton Net
ENGLISH COAL (Ideal for Drawing-room use)	49/-
HOUSE COAL (Outstanding for Durability)	44/-
SCOTCH COAL (Belfast's Cheapest Heat)	39/-

TEST A QUARTER-TON.
COAL
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FOR SALE.
GOOD CLEAN CINDERS, Garden Soil, Flags for Crazy Paving; also Lough Neagh Sand can be delivered; distance no object.
WILLIAM SLOAN.
General Merchant, 20 LEADBETTER ST.
Phone 25640.

[illegible]—Standing Timber (about 100) [illegible] for Sale—Beech, Oak, etc. Five Miles from Belfast. Apply Box P01614 this Office.

A—The New Gas Griddle is speedy and economical. On Sale at all gas showrooms. Order now.

AN All-Metal S.H. Boiler Grate, a Second-hand Kitchenette, and a H.P. Boiler 3ft. American Stove for Sale; or fitted reasonable. H. & S. M'Ilwrath, 110 York Street.

CELEBRATED for Window Blinds and Curtains.—Alex. Lyttle (formerly Rea & Co.), 73-75 Peter's Hill, Belfast. Phone 22677.

FOR Sale, Gas Cooker in good order, cheap. Reply Box 4706a.

FOR Sale, two Dance Frocks (one white, one floral taffeta); slight figure £1.—Box 4712a.

GAUGE O Model Railway Stock, excellent condition; list free.—Hemphill, Killenaule, Ballycastle.

KITCHENETTES installed at rock-bottom prices; cash or weekly payments.—Townsend Supply Store, 50 Townsend Street (opposite Melville's).

KITCHENETTES, cheapest in Belfast; see for yourself; easy payments arranged.—Mellon & Sands, 35-37 Dublin Road. Open Saturday till 6 o'clock.

LOOSE Covers for 3-piece Suite, £4 17s 6d; good quality cretonne.—Bennett, 41 Bradbury Place, Belfast.

MEN'S Slightly-worn Clothing, splendid qualities; send 2d for catalogue.—Howells, Dept. E., 92 Upper Clapton Road, London, E.5.

SALE, S.A. Gent.'s Tunic, plain, hooked, best quality.—97 Rushfield Avenue.

STRONG Handcart, suitable for painter or house repairer, £3.—M'Cullen, Coachbuilder, Durham Street.

TARPAULINS, reconditioned, ex-railway, guaranteed waterproof, roped; carriage paid; 20ft. x 15ft., 31s; 15 x 10, 16s.—Wilsons, Newton's Court, Preston.

TYPEWRITERS.—Should you require New, Factory Rebuilt, or Used Typewriters, Ribbons, Carbons, &c., or expert advice on the condition of your own typewriter, I am at your service.—Harry Beasant, 12 College Street.

WALLPAPERS direct from mills; 250 patterns post free.—Osborne Mills, Dept. 10, Rochdale Road, Manchester.

WINDOW Blind Specialist.—Jacksons, 189 Sandy Row (Lisburn Road end). Established 1900.

WOODSIDE'S Annual Sale is now on at 2a Beresford Street. Suits from 47s 6d; Overcoats from 45s; made to measure; two try-ons; all garments made on the premises by first-class workmen.—S. D. Woodside, Practical Tailor, 2a Beresford Street (late 312 Shankill Road).

BUSINESSES FOR SALE.

BOOKMAKER'S Office for Sale; good turnover, East End; no reasonable offer refused.—Box 1436.

FISH and Chip Saloon, Confectionery, Tobacconist and Grocery Business for Sale; good turnover.—Box 2980.

FOR Sale, Contents, Fixtures, Fittings and Machines of Ladies' Hairdressing Saloon. Apply Box 1531.

GROCERY Business for Sale, living accommodation; well established in Shankill Road district; weekly tenancy; turnover £35 weekly; large and well varied stock. Apply Box 1568.

GROCERY and Spirit Business for Sale in important market town in Co. Cavan; the business is old-established, and owner wishes to retire for reasons of health; the premises are freehold and commodious; full particulars to principals only. Apply Rawlinson, Allen & White, Accountants and Auditors, 1 Church Place, Portadown.

LICENSED House for Sale in good industrial district in city; easy to manage; turnover about £30; price £300, part purchase-money can remain out by arrangement. Apply Box P02164.

WORKSHOP and Yard, North end; leasehold, £6 yearly, with or without Bakery Equipments, cheap to prompt buyer.—Dunn, 13 Bedford Street.

£20 secures Goodwill, part Furnishings, Boarding-house and Shop, Falls Road; 1d stage.—Box 4857a

BUSINESSES WANTED.

A remunerative Business wanted in Belfast or district for prompt cash. Particulars to Box P02099.

PERSONAL.

ALWAYS Hooton Mitchell for Glasses.

APPRECIATION, last resort. Always remembered. Repenting. Loving.

EYES Testing.—Davidson & Murray Mountpottinger.

HARRIS Rundle, Health Insurance Optician

HARMUR'S—THE CHEMISTS—are closing down; Everything's a bargain at 29 ANN STREET.

PROTESTANT Woman (42) wishes meet respectable Working Man.—Box P4754a.

RESPECTABLE Girl (26), Protestant, wishes company Young Working Man; genuine. Box 4775a.

WIDOWER, moderate income, would meet Spinster or Widow, some means or pension. Particulars, Box 4763a.

WANTED, Original Poems, Songs, for immediate consideration. Send poems to Columbian Music Publishers, Ltd., Dept. 251, Toronto, Canada.

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WEATHER AHEAD:
Milder; rain likely

BELFAST TELEGRAPH ADVERTISEMENTS.

SMALL PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS for insertion in the "Belfast Telegraph" may be handed to the undernoted Sub-agents:—

WM. ALLEN, 254 Newtownards Road.
Mrs. BEAMISH, Cavehill P.O., Antrim Road.
Mrs. CAMPBELL, 255 Castlereagh Road.
BOTANIC GARDENS P.O., 93 University Road. 'Phone 219451.
BOYLE'S MEDICAL HALL, Broadway, Falls Road.
Miss H. M. CLARKE, The Strand Cake Shop, 49 Albertbridge Road. 'Phone 57131.
J. F. CRISPIN, 363 Antrim Road.
A. M. DOUGAN, 117a Oldpark Road.
ED. DOWNING, 369 Ormeau Road.
J. D. FULLERTON, 262 Crumlin Road.
THOS. H. GIFF, 34 Woodvale Road.
ROBERT GILDEA, Main Street, Saintfield.
JAS. C. GRAY, Grocer, Dunmurry.
R. J. HAVARD, Grocer, Gilnahirk.
W. J. HEATRICK, Chemist, Cliftonville Circus.
WM. HUGHES, Newsagent, 91 Belmont Church Road.
S. JONES, Newsagent, 44 Ormeau Road.
ROBERT KENNEDY, Ardenlee Post Office, 103 Cregagh Road.
T. N. MOFFITT, 291-293 Crumlin Road.
R. T. MORRISON, Newsagent, Whiteabbey.
Mrs. MURRAY, 268 Springfield Road.
JOHN M'CLENAGHAN, 104 Abbey Street, Bangor.
A. M'MILLAN, 37 Cregagh Road.
WM. M'MEEKIN, Cavehill Road P.O.
Mrs. E. L. M'ILHAGGER, P.O., 76 Duncairn Gardens.
R. M'MULLAN, 151 Lisburn Road.
[illegible] Call Office, Dunmurry.
NEWINGTON POST OFFICE, Mackey Street, Limestone Road.
Miss O'RYAN, 348 Woodstock Road.
HUGH REID, Jones's Buildings, Ballysillan.
WILLIAM REID, 67 Lisavon Street.
Mrs. ROBSHAW, Parkmount Post Office, Shore Road.
ISOBEL SCOTT, 20 Upper Newtownards Road.
E. & M. WATSON, Newsagents, Saintfield Road, Newtownbreda.
J. H. WIGHTMAN, Killyleagh. 'Phone 14.

COUNTY BOROUGH NOTICE.

BELFAST COUNTY BOROUGH.
THE MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT, 1918.

THE ATTENTION OF ALL THOSE WHO are certified under this Act is drawn to Section 18:—

"Every woman certified under this Act shall, before holding herself out as a practising Midwife or commencing to practise as a Midwife, give Notice in writing of her intention so to do, and of the Address at which she resides to the local supervising authority."

Failure to give such Notice or the wilful giving of false statements in any such Notice is a punishable offence.

Particulars of such intention to practice should be sent, without delay, to the undersigned.

CHARLES S. THOMSON,
Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.
Public Health Department,
City Hall, Belfast.

RADIO.

ALL makes British and American Receivers Repaired; American Parts and Valves stocked; Car Radio Experts.—Radio & Battery Service Co., 32 Fountain Street. Phone 20196.

RADIO Sets by selected manufacturers, repairs by qualified engineers; H.T. Batteries, Irons, Clocks, &c.—Stevenson & Co., 30-34 Church Street.

ULTRA Model 49, all-electric superhet, in perfect order, as new; owner ordered to India; bargain. Seen at 102 Henderson Avenue, off Cavehill Road.

WILL exchange H.M.V. A.C. Radio, perfect condition, for any make D.C. or Universal model; cash adjustment if necessary.—Maginn, 38 Theodore Street.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES WANTED.

GOLD urgently wanted. Highest prices paid. Also Jewellery, Antique Silver, Old Sheffield Plate, &c.—R. M'DOWELL & CO., LTD., 18 High Street, Belfast. 'Phone 23026.

GOLD DEPOT, 15 ARTHUR SQUARE (opposite Royal Cinema), Belfast, urgently wants Gold, Silver, Old False Teeth, any condition. Cash waiting.

CIGARETTE Cards wanted, any quantity, any age.—Weavers, Winona, Comber Road, Dundonald. Phone Dundonald 2252.

FURNITURE bought; we give good prices for part exchange.—Creath, 53 Ormeau Road.

FURNITURE.—Bunting, 160 Sandy Row, will buy your Furniture; or part exchange; good prices.

HAVE you some furniture for disposal? Phone 57030. Mangle Rollers supplied, maple.—Howards, Bloomfield Avenue.

WANTED, Triplex Interoven Grate. Price, particulars to Box 4738a.

WANTED, Iron Field Gate. Size, price to Box 4736a.

WANTED, Full-sized Pram, new condition; good make; no dealers.—Box P4784.

WANTED, good Suite of Furniture, suitable for drawing-room or dining-room. Telephone 62-2231.

WANTED — Dining-room Suite, Wooden Beds, Sideboard, &c., in good condition. Apply Box 4757a.

WANTED all classes of Second-hand Furniture, large or small lots.—35 Little Donegall Street. Phone 23904.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET.

DIAMOND Gardens.—Well-furnished Bungalow to Let, 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., electric; garage and garden; immediate possession. Appointments to view, J. Blessington & Co., 20 Wellington Place, Belfast.

FURNISHED House to Let from 15th January; sitting, 3 bedrooms, bathroom; penny stage. Address here. 1497

TO Let for period of 6 months, Furnished House overlooking Shandon Park golf links; 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, bath, garden and garage.—Box 4660.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

MUST Sell—Small German Overstrung Piano, little used; cost 68 gns.; only £14. Apply Box 4765a.

PIANO Tuning, Repairing; competent, qualified; lowest charges.—M'Donald, 380 Shankill Road.

PIANOS from £10 cash or 10s monthly; new and second-hand; fully guaranteed. Roberts, 15 Rosemary Street (upstairs).

PIANO, suit beginner, £5 10s; Pianos, slightly used; B. Squire £32 10s, Chappell £47 10s, German Overstrung £35, £42 10s, £45, Bechstein £65, £75; special offer.—Young's, 42 Bedford Street.

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

THE CATHEDRAL.

SATURDAY—WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
at 11-30 p.m.
Address—THE DEAN.
SUNDAY—
Holy Communion—8 and 11-30 a.m. (Choral).
Matins—10-45 a.m.
Preachers:—
11-30 a.m.—Rev. Canon J. W. MacQUAIDE, M.A.
3-30 p.m.—Rev. Canon MacQUAIDE.
7 p.m.—THE DEAN.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Holy Communion—8-30 a.m.
Matins and Holy Communion—11-30 a.m.
Evensong—7 p.m.
Preacher—THE RECTOR.

ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH CHURCH.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT
at 11-15
Rev. W. H. N. FISHER, M.A.
11-30—Rev. W. H. N. FISHER, M.A.
7- 0—Rev. J. E. V. WAKELY, B.A.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, STRANMILLIS.
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

11-30—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Preacher: Mr. B. S. Rosenthal (Missions to Jews). 3 p.m.—Youth Service. Preacher: The Rector. 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Preacher: The Rector. Watchnight Service To-night, 11 o'clock. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union, Ladies' Guild and all other Parish Organisations). Parishioners and friends invited. Collection in response to Bishop's Appeal for Jewish Refugees.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH
(Donegall Pass).
SPECIAL SERVICES OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION.
Holy Communion after 11-30 and 7 Services.
11-30—Rev. W. J. GRANSDEN, M.A.
3-15—Rev. A. V. M'CALLIN, B.D.
7—Rev. W. J. GRANSDEN, M.A.

ST. SIMON'S, DONEGALL ROAD.
NEW YEAR'S DAY.
11-30—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
7-0—Evening Prayer.
Music by Dunmurry Amateur Military Band.
TO-NIGHT, WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 11 p.m.

ST. JUDE'S PARISH CHURCH.
11-30 a.m.—The RECTOR.
7-0 p.m.—Rev. J. E. GOUGH QUINN, B.A.
(Chaplain and Tutor, St. Peter's Hall, Oxford).
Holy Communion after Morning Prayer.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH CHURCH, Blythe St.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT
at 11 o'clock.
Preacher—Rev. SAMUEL J. GREER.

WILLOWFIELD PARISH CHURCH.
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE.
11-5 p.m.—REV. J. FRAZER, B.A.
SUNDAY—11-30 a.m., REV. RALPH STONE, B.A. 7 p.m., REV. ST. J. S. PIKE, M.A.

WINDSOR BAPTIST CHURCH,

Malone Avenue, Lisburn Road.
11-30 and 7—
PASTOR GEORGE H. WEIR.
3-30—SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE-CLASS.
WEDNESDAY, 4th, at 8 p.m.—
I.B.F.M. Box-opening.
LANTERN LECTURE: "MARTIN LUTHER,"
By Mr. J. G. HUTCHINSON.
Everybody welcome.

MOUNTPOTTINGER BAPTIST TABERNACLE.

D.V., 11-30 and 7—
NEW YEAR MESSAGES.
Pastor CHARLES WILLOUGHBY, M.A.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 10-30.
Doors open at 10.
All Seats Free. Visitors cordially invited.

SANDOWN ROAD BAPTIST HALL,

BALLYHACKAMORE.
NEW YEAR ADDRESSES
11-30 a.m.—"The Unchangeable Christ."
Pastor D. BURROWS.
4 p.m.—Mr. F. FRACKELTON.
7 p.m.—"A New Creation."
Pastor D. BURROWS.
Thursday at 8 p.m.—Mr. FRANK SCOTT.

GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,

BEERSBRIDGE ROAD.
PASTOR HUGH FRASER.
11-30—Subject: "What of To-morrow?"
7-0—Subject: "All Things New."
Thursday at 8—Miss JONES, Soldiers' and Gospel Mission, S. America.
Friday at 8—Men's Own: Zion [illegible] Testimony Band.
To-night, 10-30 p.m.—WATCH-NIGHT SE[illegible] E Praise and Testimony

CLIFTONPARK AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

10-15—Bible Class.
11-30 and 7—Pastor WM. WEIR, B.A., B.Sc.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
TO-NIGHT at 10-30 p.m.
"We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II. Cor., v., 20).
Freewill Offering for Jewish Refugees.

HAYPARK AV. BAPTIST CHURCH

SPECIAL SERVICES
LORD'S DAY—11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
WEEK-EVENINGS at 8 o'clock.
Preacher—
MR. W. T. C. RANKIN
(Nottingham).
"We have redemption through His blood."

ANTRIM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Services 11-30 and 7.
REV. T. R. GARDINER, M.A.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT
at 11 p.m.

BLOOMFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH.

TO-NIGHT at 11-15.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
SUNDAY—11-30 and 7.
Rev. R. J. RICE, B.D.

EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH
(Templemore Avenue).
11-30 and 7 p.m.:
SPECIAL NEW YEAR ADDRESSES,
PASTOR F. H. FORBES
(Secretary Baptist Union of Ireland).
Everyone Heartily Welcome.

SHANKILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Tennent Street.
Lord's Day at 11-30 and 7 o'clock.
Pastor J. RAVEY.
All Seats Free. Hymn Books provided.

GREAT VICTORIA ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.
11-30 and 7—
A NEW YEAR'S MOTTO.
Rev. D. HENDERSON.

STRANDTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH
11-30 and 7—Pastor W. E. CLARKE.
Soloist: Mr. J. FLOYD.
Visitors heartily welcome.

IRISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
Knock, Upper Newtownards Road.
Opposite Cabin Hill.
11-30—Rev. JAMES HUNTER, M.A.
3-30—YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE.
Speaker—Mr. A. IRELAND,
Sudan Interior Mission.
7- 0—Mr. W. A. SAMPSON.

IRISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
Botanic Avenue.
11-30—Mr. W. J. M'DOWELL.
7- 0—Mr. S. G. SHANKS.

IRISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
Lisburn Road, Opposite Cadogan Park.
11-30—Mr. W. A. SAMPSON.
7- 0—Mr. C. H. GARLAND.

IRISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
Jocelyn Avenue, Castlereagh Road.
11-30—Mr. P. HIND.
7- 0—Rev. J. M'CRACKEN.

IRISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
Crossecollyer Street, off Limestone Road.
11-30—Rev. J. M'CRACKEN.
7- 0—Mr. W. J. M'DOWELL.

IRISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
Somerton Road, off Skegoneill Avenue.
11-30—Mr. C. H. GARLAND.
7- 0—Rev. C. E. HUNTER.

CLARENDON,

11 VICTORIA STREET.
CONFERENCE on SATURDAY, 7th JAN., 1939, at 4 o'clock, if God permits.
Subject—"God's Purpose in Redemption," by several accredited Ministers of the Word.
Refreshments at 5-30.
A Hearty Invitation to all Believers in Christ.

BRITISH-ISRAEL WORLD FEDERATION

LECTURE, Entitled:
"IS WAR INEVITABLE?"
By Mr. J. B. NIBLOCK,
Y.W.C.A.,
THURSDAY EVENING, January 5, at 8.
Everybody welcome.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the TEMPERANCE INSTITUTE, LISBURN, on TUESDAY, 3rd January, at 8 p.m. Speaker—Mr. J. B. NIBLOCK. Subject: "Daniel's Dream."

For YOUNG PEOPLE—"BUILDERS," in Y.W.C.A., WEDNESDAY, at 8 p.m. Speaker—Mr. J. B. NIBLOCK. Subject: "Nebuchadnezzar's Dream."

ULSTER BRITISH-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION.
Kinghan Hall, Botanic Avenue.
Monday, 8 p.m.—
Subject: "A New Year's Address,"
By Rev. Mr. M'ILWAINE.
All welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICES TO-MORROW.

Albert Street—Rev. T. M'DERMOTT, B.A.
Argyle Place—Rev. W. J. GREGG, B.A.
Ballysillan—Rev. J. W. HOUSTON, M.A.
Belmont—Revs. R. HYNDMAN, B.A., and W. J. BARBOUR, B.A.
Bethany—See Special Notice.
Bloomfield—Rev. C. M. YOUNG, B.A.
Broadway—11-30, Communion. Rev. H. SCOTT, B.A.
Castleton—11-30, Communion. Rev. A. P. BLACK, M.A.
Cliftonville—11-30, Communion. Revs. A. F. MOODY, D.D., and W. ERSKINE, B.A.
Cooke Centenary—Rev. C. CORDNER, M.A.
Cregagh—Rev. D. STEWART, B.A. 7, Praise Service.
Crescent—Rev. C. JACKSON, B.Sc. 7, Communion.
Duncairn—Rev. J. S. WATSON, B.D.
Eglinton—Revs. V. G. BYERS, B.A., and A. F. MOODY, D.D. Communion.
Ekenhead—11-30, Communion. Revs. H. JAMISON and H. OSBORNE, B.A.
Elmwood—Revs. D. H. MACONACHIE, B.D., and J. HOUSTON, B.A.
Finaghy—Revs. K. M. ALEXANDER, M.A., and A. MARTIN, B.A.
Fisherwick—11-30, Communion. Very Rev. J. WADDELL, D.D.
Fitzroy Avenue—11-30, Communion. Revs. Dr. WOODBURN and G. E. CROMEY, B.A.
Fortwilliam Park—Rev. A. L. HARRISON, B.A. 7, Communion.
Glengormley—Rev. S. M'KINSTRY, M.A.
Gt. Victoria Street—11-30, Communion. Rev. J. DONALDSON, B.A.
Knock—11-30 and 7, Communion. Rev. E. A. ELLIOTT BURROWS, M.A.
McCracken Memorial—Rev. D. DOWLING, M.A.
McQuiston Memorial—Rev. Dr. M'ILROY.
Nelson Memorial—11-30, Communion. Rev. R. MINFORD, B.A.
Newington—See Special Notice.
Newtownbreda—Revs. R. H. G. GAMBLE and W. R. MEGAW. 7, Communion.
Oldpark—Communion. Rev. J. DUNLOP, M.A.
Orangefield—See Special Notice.
Richview—Rev. R. ANDERSON, M.A.
Rosemary Street—Rev. G. ERSKINE, B.A.
St. Enoch's—11-30, Communion. Revs. G. YOUNG, B.A., and J. W. BRUCE, B.A.
Seaview—Revs. A. MARTIN, B.A., and K. M. ALEXANDER, M.A. 7—Soloist, Mr. N. HAWKINS.
Stormont—Rev. J. F. PARK, B.A.
Strand—Rev. W. CHESTNUTT, M.A.
Ulsterville—Revs. S. EATON, B.A., and S. R. JAMISON, M.A.
Westbourne—Revs. J. H. CARSON, M.A., and W. P. HALL, M.A.
Windsor—Rev. W. CORKEY, D.D.

TO-NIGHT AT 11 P.M.
in the
ASSEMBLY HALL
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
Address by
REV. W. J. HARRISON.
Special music by the Albert Street Presbyterian Church Choir. Organist and Conductor: Mr. James Graham.
Special Offering. Bring your Church Hymnary.

ASSEMBLY HALL—3-30.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR SERVICE
Address by—
REV. W. J. THOMPSON, B.A.
College Square Presbyterian Church.
Praise led by the Choir of Townsend Street Presbyterian Church.
Organist and Conductor—
MR. ERNEST A. MOORE.

May Street Church
REV. A. WYLIE BLUE
TO-NIGHT:
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE 11-15
SABBATH SERVICES:
11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
FULL ATTENDANCE and GIFT DAY
Communion at Evening Service.

Donegall Pass Presbyterian Church
REV. H. H. AITCHISON, M.A.
11-30—PERFECT FREEDOM.
7 p.m.—GOOD RESOLUTIONS.
ALL WELCOME. COME EARLY.

COLLEGE SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW YEAR SERVICES
11-30—REV. W. J. THOMPSON, B.A.
7—REV. F. G. BELL, M.A.
(Randalstown).
Visitors Welcome.

COOKE CENTENARY CHURCH

NEW YEAR SERVICES.
COMMUNION.
11-30 and 7:
REV. CASSELLS CORDNER, M.A., and
REV. J. EDGAR P. BOYD, B.A.
All Heartily Welcome.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
FULL ATTENDANCE DAY.
11-30—Communion.
7-0—Rev. ANDREW CROOKS, B.A.
Soloist: Mrs. MARTIN.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT
at 11 o'clock.
Speaker—Mr. ROBERT HOUSTON.
All welcome.

KIRKPATRICK MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Ormiston), Ballyhackamore.
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE, 11 p.m.
REV. JAMES TOLLAND.
Special Music by Church Choir.
Sabbath Services, 11-30 and 7.
SPECIAL NEW YEAR ADDRESSES.
REV. JAMES TOLLAND.
All Welcome.

TOWNSEND STREET CHURCH

11-30—Communion Service.
7 o'clock—NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.
"The Voyage of Life."
REV. J. W. JOHNSTON, M.A.

ORANGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
SPECIAL NEW YEAR SERVICES.
11-30 a.m.—REV. EDITH MARTIN, M.Sc., B.D.
3-30 p.m.—DR. ELIZABETH CORKEY
(Manchuria).
7—REV. EDITH MARTIN, M.Sc., B.D.
Offerings at all Services for Building Fund.

MOUNTPOTTINGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES.
11-30—"Spiritual Essentials."
7- 0—"Communicants' Doxology."
Preacher—Rev. M. A. THOMPSON.

YORK STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
REV. RUPERT GIBSON, B.A.
7 o'clock:
SPECIAL YOUTH SERVICE.
All Organisations to Parade.

MACRORY MEMORIAL CHURCH.
11-30—Communion.
7- 0—Thanksgiving.
Rev. JAMES PATTERSON, B.A.
Soloist: Master HOWARD McCUARY.

SHANKILL ROAD MISSION CHURCH.
11-30—Mr. W. H. BRICE.
7—Rev. E. J. BOYD.
TO-NIGHT, WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 10-30.
Rev. S. GORDON YOUNG, B.A.
Soloist: Miss Edna Thompson.

MALONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
11-30 a.m.
"THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE."
7 p.m.
HOLY COMMUNION.
Rev. J. STUART CAMERON, M.A., B.D.

RAVENHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Morning 11-30; Evening, 7-0.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 11 o'clock p.m.
Rev. J. ROSS.
Everyone welcome.

BERRY STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. S. HANNA, B.A., M.B.
11-30—"At Eventide."
7- 0—"What is Time?"

WOODVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
REV. W. N. MAXWELL, M.A.
11-30—Communion.
7-0—"In the Beginning."

MEGAIN MEMORIAL CHURCH.
Rev. RICHARD HALL, M.A., B.D.
11-30—Good Resolutions: What Good in Them?
7- 0—Higher Vision and Stern Reality.

DUBLIN ROAD
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
NEW YEAR SERVICES.
11-30 and 7—Rev. J. A. LYONS, B.A.

CHURCH SERVICES.

CLIFTON STREET CHURCH.

1939 NEW YEAR 1939
11-30 Addresses 7 p.m.
THE REV. ROBERT ANDREWS.
Appropriate Praise. Anthems, by Church Choir, both services.
3-30. The Young People's New Year. 3-30.
DEACONESS MISS M. TODD.
(Canadian Presbyterian Church).
A warm welcome to all.

CRUMLIN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11-30 and 7—
REV. W. J. HARRISON.
Evening Subject:
"THE VOICES OF OUR YEARS."
Visitors cordially invited.

CRUMLIN ROAD BROTHERHOOD.

BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY
NEW YEAR PRAISE SERVICE
Will be held in
CRUMLIN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
JANUARY 1st, 1939, 3 o'clock.
Chairman—Mr. DAVID WILSON, J.P.
Speaker—Rev. W. J. HARRISON.
The following will take part:—Miss Ine Kelso; M'Fadden Bros., Guitar Duets; Crumlin Road Church Choir (Conductor, Mr. D. G. Wilson). Organist, Miss M. Wilson.
Old and new members are earnestly requested to attend this service.
JOIN NOW. ALL WELCOME.

AGNES STREET CHURCH.
REV. W. W. PYPER, B.A.
11-30—"A Perfect Heart."
7—Communion.
Watchnight Service at 11 o'clock to-night.
Speaker—MR. CROSSLEY MERCER.

NEWINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
SONS ACROSS-THE-SEA SERVICES.
11-30 and 7:
REV. DR. T. M. JOHNSTONE.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Ballymacarrett
(Paulett Ave., Opp. Mountpottinger Y.M.C.A.).
11-30 and 7—Rev. W. J. M'GEAGH, B.A.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

Albertbridge—11-30 and 7, Rev. R. R. WORKMAN.
Bloomfield Ave.—11-30 and 7, Rev. JAS. GRAY.
Cliftonpark Ave.—11-30 and 7, Rev. W. J. TODD.
Connsbrook Ave.—11-30 and 7, Rev. H. M'ILWAINE.
Donegall St.—11-30 and 7, Rev. A. CAIRNS, M.A., Ph.D.
John White Memorial, Tennent St.—11-30 and 7, Rev. J. S. FINLAY, M.A. See advertisement below.
Mervue Hall—3-30 and 7, Mr. G. ALEXANDER.
Rugby Ave.—11-30 and 7, Rev. F. THOMPSON, B.A.
Spamount (North Queen St.)—11-30 and 7, Rev. W. J. DAVEY.
Whiteabbey—12, Rev. J. M'KANE; 6-30, Mr. T. ELLIOTT (I.T.A.).
Carrickfergus—11-30 and 7, Rev. G. BEMBRIDGE, B.A., B.D.

JOHN WHITE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

TENNENT STREET.
FULL ATTENDANCE DAY.
11-30 a.m.—Subject: "A Happy New Year."
3 p.m.—PARENTS' DAY.
Special Music by Junior Scholars.
7 p.m.—
LIFE BOY TEAM ENROLMENT SERVICE.
Presentation of the Flag.
The LISADELL TRIO will sing.
Subject: "The Meaning of the Flag."
8-15 p.m.—
Service of Communion and Re-dedication.
All Services (D.V.) conducted by
Rev. JAMES S. FINLAY, M.A.
You are heartily invited.

ALBERTBRIDGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

REV. R. RAINEY WORKMAN.
11-30 a.m.—"An Assuring Word."
7-0 p.m.—"A Right Attitude of Mind."
35th and 37th Groups of Scouts and Cubs will attend the Morning Service.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the Morning Service.
Visitors Welcome. Hymn Books Provided.

CREGAGH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT
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VICTORIA MALE OCTETTE.
TO-MORROW: NEW YEAR'S SERVICES.
11-30 a.m.—Mr. W. WYLIE.
3-0 p.m.—Pastor HUGH FRASER.
7-0 p.m.—Rev. JOSEPH M'KANE.
Duets by Mrs. M'CARTNEY and Rev. M'KANE.
You are invited to all these Services.
Communion after Evening Service.

DONEGALL STREET
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
11-30 and 7—
REV. A. CAIRNS, M.A., Ph.D.
Communion at Morning Service.
Retiring Collections for Widows and Orphans of the London Missionary Society.
Visitors Welcome.

THE GLAD TIDINGS MISSION

(UNDENOMINATIONAL)
SHANKILL ROAD, BELFAST.
A SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MISSION
Will be held in the above Mission by Missionary Students from EMMANUEL BIBLE SCHOOL, ENGLAND,
Commencing SUNDAY 1st JANUARY, 1939, at Seven p.m.
Week Nights at Eight p.m.
YOU ARE INVITED.

PEOPLE'S PALACE MISSION.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
TO-NIGHT at 11 o'clock.
GOSPEL SERVICE SUNDAY at 7-15 p.m.
Speaker—Mr. W. C. JONES.
Subject: "God and Circumstances."
Everybody welcome.

RAILWAY MISSION.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT, 11 p.m.
Mr. J. DAVIDSON.
Sunday, 3-30 and 7, Mr. W. WEATHERALL.
The Misses Kitchen will Sing.

CREGAGH MISSION HALL (Bus Terminus).
SUNDAY at 7 o'clock. Mr. WINTER will speak and sing.
All are heartily invited to come.

CITY Y.M.C.A. SUNDAY, 3-30.
(Doors open 2-30).
NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS BY
REV. JAMES SMYTH, LL.D., D.D.
(Carlisle Memorial Church). Subject:
"The Most Important Spot on Earth"
Attractive Music by
Y.M.C.A. MIXED AND MALE CHOIRS.

MOUNTPOTTINGER Y.M.C.A.
3-30—
The Tabernacle Male Choir, Glasgow.
Saturday 8—Mr. JOHN LONGRIDGE.

SHANKILL Y.M.C.A.—3-15.

NEW YEAR'S PRAISE SERVICE
Speaker—Rev. W. WILBUR PYPER, B.A.
Attractive Music by Miss EVELYN TRIMBLE, Mr. HERBERT MOORE, Mr. JAMES KENNEDY, Master W. MORELAND, SHANKILL Y.M.C.A. ORCHESTRA.

IRON MISSION HALL

TEMPLEMORE AVENUE.
SAT., 31st, WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 10-30 p.m.
Sunday, 1st, 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—
Subject: "Smitten of God."
Monday, 2nd, 8 p.m.—Special Subject.
Wednesday, 4th, 7 p.m.—Lantern Lecture.
Friday, 6th, 8 p.m.—Special Subject.
Speaker—Pastor T. EVANS.
Assisted by GRIFF GEORGE, "Silver Tenor."
All are welcomed.

CASTLEREAGH ROAD MISSION.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT, 10-45 p.m.: Rev. H. H. MURPHY. Lord's Day—11-30 a.m., Mr. J. BAILIE; 7 p.m., Tabernacle Male Choir (Glasgow). Conductor, Mr. J. M'Roberts, Compiler of the Moody Centenary Male Chorus Book.

GOD'S APOSTOLIC CHURCH,
Frankfort Street. The Church of the Restoration. Lord's Day, 1st January, 1939. 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE to-night, 11 p.m.
All Welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES.

DONEGALL SQUARE CHURCH
To-night at 11—Watch-night Service
NEW YEAR'S DAY.
10-0—HALF-HOUR SERVICE.
11-30 and 7-0—Rev. J. W. P. ELLIOTT.
Communion after Morning Service.
COVENANT SERVICE IN THE EVENING.

CARLISLE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
11-15 p.m.
Rev. W. L. NORTHRIDGE, M.A., Ph.D.
ORGAN RECITAL from 11 p.m.
Organist: FRED. D. BURROWS, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.
NEW YEAR'S DAY.
11-30 a.m.—
Rev. JAMES SMYTH, LL.D., D.D.
7 p.m.—
Rev. W. H. SMYTH, M.A.
Visitors welcomed.

UNIVERSITY ROAD CHURCH.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 11-15.
Organ Recital from 11 o'clock.
Sunday—11-30 and 7 p.m.
REV. J. R. WESLEY RODDIE.
"A Message of Good Cheer for the New Year."
Visitors Welcomed.

AGNES STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

To-night at 11 o'clock.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
REV. ALBERT HOLLAND
will Preach and Sing.
Duet by Miss Lily Lemon and Mr. Tom Hamilton.
11-30 a.m.—REV. ALBERT HOLLAND.
3 p.m.—BROTHERHOOD.
Speaker—MR. SAMUEL GIBSON.
Duets by Mr. and Miss Black.
7 p.m.—REV. ALBERT HOLLAND.
Soloist—Mr. Tom Hamilton.
Visitors Cordially Invited.

DUNCAIRN GARDENS METHODIST CHURCH

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
11-0 p.m.
REV. J. WESLEY M'KINNEY.
Subject: "Flight of Time."
Sunday, 11-30 and 7-0.
REV. J. WESLEY M'KINNEY.
Evening subject: "Making a New Start."
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper after Morning and Evening Service.
Visitors Welcomed.

CREGAGH METHODIST CHURCH

TO-NIGHT, 11 o'c., WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
Preacher—Rev. J. B. JENNINGS.
Subject: "Spectres of the Mind."
Soloist: Miss L. CINNAMOND.
FULL ATTENDANCE DAY.
11-30 a.m.—Rev. EDWARD WHITTAKER.
7-0—Rev. J. B. JENNINGS.
Subject: "A Vital Question for 1939."
Soloist: Miss L. HAMILTON.
MONDAY, January 2, till FRIDAY, January 6, SPECIAL SERVICES Each Night at 8 o'c.
All welcome.

HOLYWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, 31st December.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE at 11 p.m.
SUNDAY, 1st January.
11-30 and 7—Rev. R. HULL SPENCE.
8-30—EPILOGUE SERVICE, with Lantern Illustrations.
FRIDAY, 6th January, in LECTURE HALL, a Nativity Play, "THE STAINED-GLASS WINDOW." Also an Indian Representation entitled "TO-MORROW." Admission—Reserved 1s, Unreserved 6d.

SHANKILL ROAD METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. JOHN HART.
TO-NIGHT at 11-15.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
SUNDAY SERVICES.
11-30—Sacramental Service.
7 o'clock—
NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.

MOUNTPOTTINGER METHODIST CHURCH.
SATURDAY, 31st December, at 11 p.m.,
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
Rev. E. WHITTAKER.
SUNDAY—
11-30 a.m.—Rev. J. B. JENNINGS.
3-0 p.m.—[illegible] FELLOWSHIP.
Mr. W[illegible] [illegible]ockey.
Subject [illegible] Christ."
7[illegible] [illegible]TAKER.
Covenant and Sacramental Service.

WOODVALE METHODIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, 11-15 p.m.—
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
SUNDAY—11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
REV. ERIC GALLAGHER, B.A.
Everybody welcome.

LYNN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH.
SATURDAY, 11 p.m., WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
Miss JEAN SIMPSON and Mr. GEO. SIMPSON will sing.
SUNDAY—
11-30 (Holy Communion)—
Rev. W. J. ROBINSON, B.A.
7-0 p.m. (Covenant Service)—
Rev. A. HARBINSON, B.A.
Visitors welcome.

NEWTOWNARDS RD. METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. R. M. L. WAUGH, M.A., B.D.
TO-NIGHT, 11 p.m., WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.
Come to this impressive Service.
To-morrow, 11-30 and 7.
NEW YEAR SERVICES.
The Choir will Sing.
Sacrament after Evening Service.
Evangelistic Services from 8th January.

OSBORNE PARK METHODIST CHURCH.
11-30 a.m.—Rev. J. FRITH LITTLE.
7- 0 p.m.—Rev. WESLEY G. LEE.
Young People's Service: two young people will take part.
Subject: "Questions People Ask—
(1) Is Life Worth Living?"
TO-NIGHT, WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE at 11-15.

SANDY ROW METHODIST CHURCH.—Special Services for Decision and Dedication. Watch-night Service, 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Week-nights at 8 o'c. Preachers—Rev. ROBERT BYERS and Rev. W. J. WILSON.

JENNYMOUNT METHODIST CHURCH.
11-30 and 7 p.m.—REV. W. J. CARSON.
TO-NIGHT, 11 p.m., WATCHNIGHT SERVICE.
U.R. invited
To spend the Last Hour of 1938 with us.

GROSVENOR HALL

11-30—Rev. John N. Spence.

3-30
New Year Praise Service
Soloist—Mr. FRANK CAPPER.
ALEXANDRA MALE QUARTETTE.
Viola Solos—MISS JOYCE FOSTER.
HALL CHOIR.
Rev. Alfred Collins will speak

7-0—Rev. John N. Spence.
"The Tribunals of Life."
Duet—THE MISSES HEMPHILL.
HALL CHOIR.

NORTH BELFAST MISSION,

PEOPLE'S HALL.
11-30 a.m.—Rev. HAROLD SLOAN.
7- 0 p.m.—Rev. JOHN W. STUTT.
Subject: "The Call to Advance."
Soloist: Miss EILEEN CRAIG.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT
at 11 o'clock.
Rev. N. E. MULLIGAN.
Subject: "Stocktaking."

CHRISTADELPHIAN HALL,

109 DONEGALL STREET.
FREE BIBLE ADDRESS EVERY SUNDAY
at 7 p.m.
Subject for To-morrow:
"God's Covenant with Abraham: Christ Its Mediator and Lifegiver."
Speaker—
MR. GRAHAM PEARCE
(Irvine), Ayrshire.

SPIRITUALISTS' ALLIANCE.

Central Hall, Rosemary St. (S.N.U. Church).
SUNDAY at 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, 3 p.m.—Ladies' Meeting.
WEDNESDAY at 8 o'clock.
Addresses, Clairvoyance and Psychometry by
Lt.-Col. G. J. CARTER, O.B.E. (Glasgow).
(Interviews may be arranged).
Healing Guild—Every Monday at 7-45 p.m.
Church Committee, Sun., 1st Jan., at 3-15 p.m.
ANNUAL SOCIAL AND CONCERT,
Saturday, 7th January, 1939. Tea at 6 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, 45 MAY STREET.
TO-NIGHT at 8, WATCHNIGHT SERVICE 11 p.m.
SUNDAY, 11-30, 3-30 and 7-0.
WEDNESDAY at 8-0.
Clairvoyance at each Service.

CHURCH SERVICES.

UNITED SERVICE of MALE VOICE PRAISE & TESTIMONY
Y.M.C.A., WELLINGTON HALL—MONDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1939
At 7-45 p.m. Doors open at 7 o'clock.
The Belfast Groups taking part are—Bloomfield Testimony Male Choir, Emmanuel Male Singers, Mustard Seed Trio, and Ravenhill United Testimony Male Choir.
Augmented by the TABERNACLE MALE CHOIR, GLASGOW
Chairman—**Rev. H. H. Murphy** Organist—**Mr. F. H. Backler**
A number of Items will be rendered by Individual and Combined Choirs.
A Member of each Group will address the Meeting.
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING FROM 7-15
You are Cordially Invited. Bring your Alexander (No. 3) Hymn Book
RETIRING OFFERING TO DEFRAY EXPENSES

ELIM FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCHES

SERVICES, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st.
ULSTER TEMPLE, RAVENHILL ROAD.—11-30, Divine Healing Service. 7 p.m., Revival Service. Preacher—PASTOR W. H. URCH.
ELIM TABERNACLE, MELBOURNE STREET.—11-30 and 7 p.m. Preacher—PASTOR W. J. MARTIN. WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT at 11 p.m.
ELIM TABERNACLE, SAUNDERS STREET.—11-30 and 7 p.m., PASTOR G. WRIGHT. WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT at 11 p.m.
ELIM TABERNACLE, BALLYSILLAN.—11-30 and 7 p.m. Preacher—PASTOR J. NORRIS. WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT at 11 p.m.
ELIM TABERNACLE, BEERSBRIDGE RD.—11-30 and 7 p.m. Preacher—PASTOR G. G. BELL.
ELIM TABERNACLE, HUNTER STREET.—11-30, Communion Service. 7 p.m., Commencement of Special Mission conducted by MISS F. MORRELL, of London.
ELIM TABERNACLE, WINDSOR AVENUE, LURGAN.—Revival Services conducted by MR. SAMUEL BURKE (Grangemouth), Sunday, 11-30, 3 and 7 p.m. Week Nights at 8 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ROSEMARY STREET.
11-30 and 7—
REV. CHARLES SIMPSON
(BALLEE)
VISITORS WELCOME.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH.

(Elmwood Avenue).
11-30 and 7—
THE REV. W. HOWARD PAYNE.
All Welcome.

YORK ST. N.S. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
11-30 and 7—
REV. DR. A. L. AGNEW.
4—Fellowship. Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL.
Subject: "Housing."
Social Hour after Evening Service.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL,

MAY STREET.
MR. E. B. BROMLEY
(Missionary from India).
LORD'S DAY at 3-30 and 7 p.m.
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CASE OF BELFAST LAUNDRYMAN.

"STAGING A ROBBERY."

PUBLIC MISCHIEF CHARGE.

THE STORY HE TOLD THE POLICE.

Wm. Magee, Dunraven Park, Belfast, the laundryman who was the victim of a robbery reported some time ago, when about £30 was said to have been taken from him, was accused of engineering the affair when he appeared before Mr. W. F. M'Coy, R.M., in the Belfast Custody Court.

Magee was charged with the larceny of £25 2s 3½d, the property of the Devonshire Laundry, and with causing a public mischief.

In a statement defendant said that he had taken the laundry's money to make up a deficiency in the funds of a Sunday school, of which he was treasurer.

It was stated that the police had been engaged in investigation of the alleged robbery from November 21 to Dec. 14.

Detective-Sergeant Harrison told how Magee reported that he had been held up and robbed in Orby Parade of a cash bag containing £30 or £40. In a statement defendant described how two men accosted him and then knocked him down. While one held him the other cut the strap of his cash bag. He lost two coat buttons in the tussle.

Defendant also described the two men who had assailed him.

Head-Constable M'Clelland gave evidence of pointing out to Magee that the mud on his coat did not correspond with that on the piece of waste ground where accused said he was robbed, and also that there was no trace at the spot of the two buttons missing.

HIS ALLEGED STATEMENT.

Subsequently Magee made a further statement, in which he said:

"I now want to tell you all about it. I am treasurer of the Newtownards Road Methodist Church Sunday School, which appointment I have held for the last four years. The Sunday school collections are given to me every Sunday evening. These amounted to between 16s and 20s each Sunday. I found that my weekly cash collections on behalf of the firm (Devonshire Laundry) were short each week for over a period of eight or nine months. The shortages amounted to about 10s a week, and I used up the Sunday-school collections to make up the deficiency."

The statement proceeded to tell how a bill of £17 arrived to be paid by Sunday school funds, and to meet this Magee "staged a hold-up."

Concerning the "robbery," he said: "When I arrived at my employer's yard that evening I took off my waterproof coat and dragged it through the mud in the yard, pulled off two buttons, and put it on again. I then took all the money I had collected that day for my firm out of the cash bag which I carried over my shoulder, and hid it in the stable.

"I then cycled to the vacant ground at the end of Orby Parade, where I turned and cycled back to an entry off Cappy Street and threw the cash bag away. I then went and reported to the police that I had been held up and robbed of the day's takings of between £30 and £40."

Customers of the laundry gave evidence of paying sums of money to Magee.

STILL IN FIRM'S EMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Fred Thompson, M.P., managing director of the laundry, also gave evidence and said that Magee was still employed by him.

Defendant was returned for trial on bail.

Mr. W. Weatherup (instructed by Messrs. S. & V. Tughan) defended.

BRENDAN'S COTTAGE AND UKASE.

DOUBLE FOR TRAINER.

BEEBY HAS GOOD YEAR

UNDER BOTH RACING CODES.

George Beeby, the Compton trainer, has had a good year under both codes and he is finishing up in great style, writes "Hotspur," the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" racing correspondent.

He brought off a double at Newbury yesterday afternoon, winning the £500 Reading 'Chase for Lord Glanely with Ukase and the Open 'Chase for Mrs. A. Smith-Bingham with Brendan's Cottage. Both horses were ridden by T. E. Carey.

Ukase had not run before this season. Carey put up 2lb. overweight and rode a powerful finish to beat Tallin by half a length.

The favourite, Steeltip, who had been a runner-up in each of his three previous races, tried to make all the running, but tired early in the straight and was well beaten some way from home. Duke of Burgundy was also well backed, but jumped in a very slovenly manner and was soon last.

Bright Night and Annalough were Steeltip's nearest rivals for a mile, at the end of which National Night moved into second place. Ukase became prominent approaching the straight, and, drawing out with Tallin between the last two fences, went on to win with something in hand.

AFRICAN SISTER'S VICTORY.

There was an open market on the Didcot Hurdle. Our Hope, the one-time course specialist, starting just a better favourite than African Sister. The concession of three years and 4lb. proved too much, however, and he just missed a place behind African Sister and Ard Macha

Before running third to Flam at Nottingham African Sister had won at Cheltenham and at Stratford-on-Avon, and on her day is a very useful hurdler. Between the last two hurdles at least five of the nine starters held equally good chances, but African Sister had the best speed on the flat, and ran Ard Macha out of it by half a length.

Prudent Achtoi will not run for the Victory Hurdle at Manchester on Tuesday, a race that he won last year. He had been given 12st. 7lb. The winner may be Domenico, who missed yesterday's race for the Manchester event, or Yorkshireman, who is well handicapped.

Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw's good 'chaser, Bel et Bon was backed like a good thing for the Open 'Chase, and if he had not blundered at the last fence he would probably have won. Brendan's Cottage got up to beat him in a desperate finish by a neck, Artful Dodger being third.

RAMTAPA'S COSTLY FAILURE.

Ramtapa was made an absurdly short-priced favourite for the Juvenile Hurdle, starting at 13 to 8. He lived up to the unenviable reputation he acquired during the recent flat-racing season, refusing to exert himself after having every chance between the last two hurdles.

The winner, Dark Way, is the only horse owned by Mr. F. Shutler, who trains him at Burley in the New Forest. Dark Way was ridden by Mr. Applin, an enthusiastic amateur, who claimed the 5lbs. apprentice allowance, and got the better of a fine finish with Silver Bugle and Galaxy by a neck and a head.

Among the field was Green Baize by Fairway from Bagatelle, for whom Mr. J. A. Dewar gave 6,000 guineas as a yearling at the Doncaster Sales. He did not run as a juvenile and failed twice under Jockey Club rules this year, this being his first venture over hurdles. He is now owned by Mr. M. Bailey, who rode the colt himself—and came in last!

WINNERS FOR D. WILLIAMS.

Dudley Williams, one of the best of our cross-country riders of a few years ago—he won the Grand National on Kellsboro' Jack in 1933—is rapidly making his name as a trainer. He saddled his own horse, The Shaver, for the Yatesbury Selling Hurdle, and the three-year-old cleverly repeated his Kempton Park success of a month ago.

The apprentice, A. Jack, rode a good finish to win the Theale Selling 'Chase on Shy Monk. He made all the running, resisting the challenges of Hickie and Ascetic's Pride from the last fence by a couple of necks. The favourite, Stoic, ran moderately.

IRISH TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE.

POSITION IN NORTH.

QUESTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

NO REPLY FROM FEDERAL COUNCIL

The annual Northern Conference of Irish National Teachers' Organisation opened in the Central Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast, yesterday morning.

Mr. P. M'Givern, B.A. (chairman), said that great changes had been going on in the educational system not only in Ireland but in England. In Ulster they had a programme committee sitting which would change the curriculum to include former "extras" in the ordinary work. A new education Act had been passed which raised the school age to 15 years

The burning question for the Northern executive would be security of tenure for teachers. The birth rate was going down and Mr. Robb had admitted that there was a decrease of 13,000 in the number of children of school-going age.

They also looked for the securing of a lump sum on retirement.

The overloading of the curriculum created the danger that teachers would have more work to do than they had time for.

A resolution of sympathy with Mr. A. N. Bonaparte Wyse, permanent secretary to the Ministry of Education, was passed on the motion of the Chairman, who said they were all glad to hear he was recovering from his recent severe operation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

The Chairman announced after the appointment of the Standing Orders Committee that while that body was meeting in an anteroom they might as well take resolution No. 2.

This was the "civil rights" resolution which appears annually on the agenda and proposing it Mr. Joseph Simpson declared that he would be glad to see representatives of the teachers in their parliament "even if they were Tories."

Mr. T. Jameson (Belfast) seconded.

Mr. W. H. Scott (formerly headmaster Newry Model School) asked what had happened when the matter of civil rights had gone before the Federal Council.

The Chairman said that the Federal Council had never had the matter before it.

Mr. J. Beattie, M.P., said that the resolution had been sent to the Federal Council but up to the moment no reply had been received as to what action the Federal Council had taken.

Mr. Scott—Has the matter been raised at the Federal Council?

Mr. Beattie—The resolution was forwarded to the Federal Committee.

Mr. Owen Finnegan suggested that they should test the matter by sending a teacher on to the political platform and see what the association or anyone else would do.

Mr. Hugh O'Connor said that the Ministry of Education said that they could not grant civic rights as it was a Cabinet decision. It was not the Ministry that was afraid of the teachers having civil rights.

Mr. Crawford (Londonderry) supported the resolution.

Mr. J. Mallon (Cookstown) said that the Cabinet or the Ministry were not afraid of the teachers having civil rights. The core of the trouble was when they came to the District and County Councils.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

PARENTS' "FRIVOLOUS EXCUSES."

Mr. Hugh O'Connor proposed a resolution asking for the amendment of the compulsory clauses of the Education Acts and protesting against the too ready acceptance of frivolous excuses from parents and guardians. The number of children of school-going age was on the decrease in Northern Ireland he said, and while school-going conditions in the South were more difficult, in many cases the average attendance was higher. There was, he declared, something radically wrong in Northern Ireland.

Mr. F. J. Lynass (Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry) in seconding, advocated the abolition of the schoot attendance committees.

Stressing the undependability of medical certificates, the speaker quoted several instances including one in which the doctor gave a certificate for a month's leave of absence for mumps. "And the child hadn't a mump in the world," added the speaker, amidst laughter.

Mr. M. E. Harrison (Belfast) said that a Belfast R.M. had stated that in future he would not accept medical certificates in school attendance cases, but would require the attendance of the doctor. It was time that pressure was brought on the Government to tighten up the regulations regarding attendances.

Mr. Mallon (Cookstown) said that the country teachers would rather have something done about the attendance question than that salary cuts should be restored. He suggested a conference between the Ministry, inspectors, and teachers on the matter.

Mr. F. M'Bride (Omagh), said that they should look at the matter from both sides. He, himself, had to send children home who were evidently ill, cold and shivering, and he would be very sorry to see his own children at school under similar conditions.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Dr. T. J. O'Connell, general secretary, said that the North was generally ahead of the South, but on falling averages the South had done better than the North. Also they had full security of tenure for all teachers save the principals of small schools. In his opinion there should be no unemployed teachers because entrance to the profession was under the control of the Ministry. When a teacher passed he should be put on the strength and paid and that would prevent the training of more teachers than were required.

Mr. Sean O'Grady, ex-president of the organisation, said that their body spoke for all teachers, North and South, and was not partitioned.

The Chairman proposed a resolution that no class should contain more than forty pupils. In the technical and secondary schools classes were composed of not more than thirty, and there they had co-operation with the teachers. Again, overcrowded classrooms led to the propagation of disease.

Mr. T. Jameson (Belfast) seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

A resolution by the Belfast Branch that all service be recognised in calculating the lump sum payable to teachers on retirement was agreed to.

The afternoon session was private.

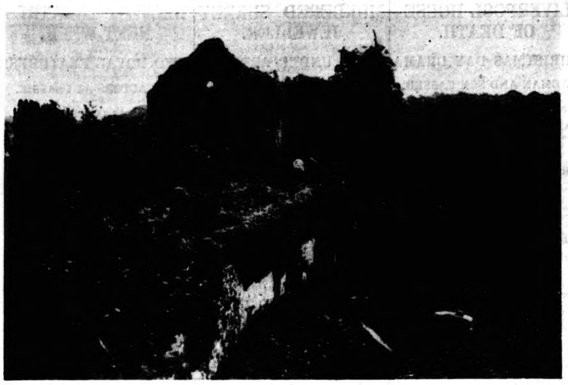
SEASONAL GREETINGS.

TO AND FROM PORTUGAL.

An exchange of Christmas greetings has passed between the King and the President of the Portuguese Republic.

When Sir Walford Selby, British Ambassador at Lisbon, presented the insignia of the G.C.B. to the President, General Carmona telegraphed to his Majesty expressing his thanks and sending a message of good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

His Majesty has replied in a telegram of greeting, adding his wishes for the prosperity and happiness of Portugal.



THE IVY-MANTLED OLD CHURCH AT DROMORE, CO. TYRONE, OCCUPIES AN ELEVATED SIGHT NEAR THE TOWN.

HUMORISTS CAUSE RUPTURE.

IRAN AND FRANCE BREAK.

ARTICLES RESENTED IN PERSIA.

PARIS, Friday.—The Iranian (Persian) Minister in Paris is visiting the Quai d'Orsay to-day regarding the breaking off of diplomatic relations between France and Iran.

The reasons for the rupture of diplomatic relations are believed to be similar to those which led to a protest by the Minister for Iran a year ago. He then complained about a play on words relative to the Shah in a French review.

Recently a certain number of articles have appeared which have not pleased Teheran, particularly in a humorous publication.—Reuter.

TROLLEY BUS ENDS IN GARDEN

AFTER FROSTY ROAD SKID.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

A number of people were injured, one seriously, when a trolley bus travelling from High Barnet towards Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, London, skidded on the frost bound surface of High Road, Whetstone, London, N., shortly after nine o'clock Friday morning and after turning round in a complete circle, came into collision with a Green Line coach travelling in the opposite direction.

The trolley bus mounted the pavement and, crashing through a fence, finished up in the front garden of Pangbourne House, which is occupied by Mr. Ernest Lewe.

Two ambulances were rushed to the scene from Friern Barnet and Finchley.

The particular spot where the accident occurred is regarded by local residents as a "death trap." The road is a gradual curve which, becoming greasy, is extremely dangerous to motorists.

There have been three accidents near yesterday's occurrence in the last week and a large number during the year.

Mr. Lewe said that he heard the crash and ran out to find the passengers inside the trolley bus still sitting in their seats, apparently stunned by the impact, and with blood streaming from their faces, which had been cut by broken glass.

"One man," he said, "was lying in the gutter, being attended to by passers-by. The Green Line bus, which was, if anything, more badly damaged than the trolley bus, was some yards further up the road towards Barnet. First-aid was given to all the injured by passers-by, and several ambulances were needed to take them all to hospital."

FOOTBALL DURING DINNER HOUR.

FATAL ULSTER ACCIDENT.

WHAT THE CORONER SAID OF IT.

A dinner-hour football match at the Queen's Island which ended in tragedy was described at the Belfast inquest on Samuel French, a 29-year-old joiner of 24 Shore Road, Belfast, who died in the Royal Victoria Hospital on December 22.

Henry Ramsay, 89 Upper Newtownards Road, an apprentice joiner at Messrs. Harland & Wolff's, stated that at about 1 p.m. on December 19 he and a number of his workmates in the joiners' shop had a dinner-hour football match outside on the concrete road. James M'Nairney was in one of the goals and deceased was on the opposite side. The ball was kicked towards M'Nairney and witness saw both M'Nairney and deceased jump for it at the same time. M'Nairney endeavoured to strike it away from the goal with his hand and deceased tried to head it into goal, and the result was that they collided in mid-air. Witness saw deceased collapse on the ground but subsequently helped him to his feet and assisted him to the first aid room about one hundred yards away. He complained of a pain in the right side near the groin but said that the affair was an accident and that he did not blame M'Nairney in any way. The ambulance man in the first aid room advised him to go to hospital by taxi, but deceased insisted that he would be fit enough to go by tram and did so.

THE GOALKEEPER'S ACCOUNT.

James M'Nairney, 1 Bread Street, said as he was keeping goal he saw deceased get the ball and pass it to one of his men, who sent in a high shot "I attempted to fist it out," said witness, "and French jumped to head it into goal. The next thing I knew after I hit the ball away was that he was lying on the ground."

Corroboration was given by Robert M'Lean, 12 Irwin Avenue.

The medical evidence showed that deceased died from peritonitis, shock, and heart failure.

In finding in accordance with this the Coroner, Mr. T. E. Alexander, said:—

"This is a very painful tragedy, resulting from a pure accident. This game of football played during the dinner-hour, was played as all games should be played, in a spirit of friendly rivalry, anything in the nature of foul play being absent. The goalkeeper and deceased both jumped for the ball, and evidently the goalkeeper's knee came into contact with the deceased's stomach, with this unfortunate result.

"I am sure all the deceased's comrades and the directors of Harland & Wolff regret the accident keenly. It is a touchingly sad one, and my heartfelt sympathy is with the father and mother of the deceased in their home of sorrow and bereavement. I understand the deceased was their sole support, which makes the tragedy doubly pathetic."

The Coroner also expressed sympathy with Mr. M'Nairney and said no blame whatever was attached to him.

Mr H Jefferson expressed the sympathy of Messrs. Harland & Wolff for the relatives and Head-Constable W. J. Reid, that of the R.U.C.

Mr. J. Agnew (instructed by Messrs. J Donnelly & Co.), for the next of kin, said that it was an accident was beyond all dispute and he was glad that the coroner had specifically absolved Mr. M'Nairney.

WHY MOTORIST DID NOT STOP.

WOULD COMPROMISE GIRL.

"HONOUR" QUOTATION.

When a young man, who failed to stop after an accident "because he did not want to compromise a woman" who was in his car at the time, appeared at Slough (Bucks) yesterday his solicitor Mr. Winston Moses, said that his action might be explained by the quotation:

"His honour rooted in dishonour stood,
and
Faith unfaithful kept him falsely true."

Ian Tyrone Strickland (24), a metallurgist, of Castle View, Salt Hill, Slough, was sent to prison for a month and disqualified from driving for 12 months for dangerous driving. He also had to pay £3 in fines and £5 6s 4d costs for failing to stop and failing to report the accident.

Strickland said that he did not stop because he did not want his woman passenger's name to become known. It struck him that her position would be rather unfortunate if her name became public. He realised now that he had a greater responsibility to the injured man.

Mr. Moses said that he was a young man who did not want to compromise a woman.

It was stated that Strickland's car was involved in an accident with a cyclist, who was seriously injured, in Windsor Road, Slough. The car dragged the cycle for some distance, and after stopping to put it against a tree Strickland drove off.

The Chairman (Alderman H. L. Darvill) said that it was a very bad case.

Notice of appeal was given.

[Note.—The quotation appears in Tennyson's "Idylls of the King": Lancelot and Elaine.]

BRITISH MARKETS.

NEWS FROM MANY CENTRES.

HOW PRICES RULED YESTERDAY.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR (Official Report)—Late on Thursday prices were advanced 1½d per cwt. The market continues firm.

BILLINGSGATE FISH—Fair supplies on offer met a slow demand at firm rates. Soles 1s 5d to 1s 9d, slips 1s to 1s 7d, lobsters 10d to 1s 9d, crabs 2d to 1s—per lb.; doreys 7s, turbot 7s to 14s, brill 8s to 11s 6d, plaice 7s to 14s, halibut 8s to 16s, lemon soles 10s to 16s, witches 5s to 9s, cod 3s to 4s 6d, whiting 2s to 4s, hake 6s to 11s, flake dogfish 2s to 4s, haddocks 2s 6d to 6s 6d skate wings 5s to 8s, roker wings 7s to 10s 6d. English fresh herrings 2s to 3s 6d, Scotch 1s 6d to 4s—per stone; live eels 12s to 30s, dead 5s to 20s—per draught; bloaters 2s 6d to 4s 6d, kippers 1s 6d to 6s—per box; oysters, natives, Whitstable, 32s to 46s, Pyefleet 37s to 65s, Dutch 15s to 40s—per 100; periwinkles, Irish, 10s to 14s, Scotch 12s to 15s—per cwt.; shrimps 3s to 4s per gallon.

GRIMSBY FISH—Fair supply and demand. Soles 1s 6d, turbot and brill 1s—per lb.; best plaice 11s to 12s 6d, lemon soles 17s, whitings 3s 6d, cod 6s, codlings 3s, small haddocks 5s, medium 5s, gibbed 5s 6d, large dabs 13s, small 5s 6d, dogfish 5s, hake 15s, skate 8s, ling 3s—per stone.

LONDON POTATO—Arrivals continue on a light scale and trade is without improvement. Lincoln King Edwards 5s 6d to 5s 9d, kidneys 4s 6d to 4s 9d, Cambridge dark soil King Edwards 5s to 5s 3d, Loon Star also Majestic 4s 3d to 4s 6d, Essex Ninetyfolds kidneys also Eclipse 4s 3d to 4s 6d, Kent Ninetyfolds 4s 3d to 4s 6d per cwt.

LONDON CORN (Opening)—Trade is quiet and prices are firm with wheat maintained. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Vancouver) ex-ship 28s 6d. Flour quiet, London Straight Run 23s delivery Home Counties, 22s 6d inner London area, excluding quota. Maize firmer, Plate landed 29s 6d. Barley firm, No. 3 Canadian Western Atlantic landed 23s 9d. Oats steady, No. 3 Canadian Western landed 18s 9d.

Closing—Trade quiet. Wheat steady, No. 2 Northern Manitoba (Vancouver) ex-ship 27s 6d. Flour quiet, London Straight run 23s delivery Home Counties, 22s 6d inner London area, excluding 6s quota. Maize firmer, Plate landed 29s 6d. Barley firm, Californian ex-store 37s to 45s. Oats maintained. No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic) landed 18s 9d.

LONDON PRODUCE—Sugar—Spot unaltered and raw firm, 96 per cent. January-February sellers 6s 3½d, terminal firmer, March sold 6s 3½d, May 6s 3½d, August 6s 3½d. Cocoa firm, March sold 22s. Rice quiet. Pepper firmer. Jute dearer. Manila hemp slow; African sisal dull; shellac inactive; copra steadier. Rubber firmer, sheet spot sold 8½d. Linseed oil firmer, spot 25s 6d, January to December 23s 1½d. Turpentine dearer. American spot 33s 6d, January-April 34s. Linseed firm, Plate January £10 18s 9d, Calcutta ditto £12 13s 9d, Bombay £12 17s 6d.

LIVERPOOL BUTTER—Business in Colonials moves quietly, but there is firmness in the market, with recent prices maintained. New Zealand finest 112s to 115s, Australian 111s to 114s. Continentals firm with restricted supplies. Danish remains at 145s to 148s, Swedish is higher at 136s to 139s, and Dutch unchanged at 123s to 126s—per cwt.

LIVERPOOL CORN—Wheat: improved inquiry; firmer. Flour firm and unchanged, Straight Run 21s ex-mill. Maize quiet, American yellow 6s, River Plate 6s 2d. Oats quiet, English white new 5s 9d to 6s 3d. Oatmeal steady. Barley quiet, Russian 22s 3d to 22s 9d. Bran, fair inquiry, thirds quietly steady.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE (First Report)—Cane sugar steady. Cocoa—West African spot and forward shipments firm; sellers G.F. Accra to the Continent 21s 6d December-February also January-March, 21s 9d March-April, buyers 3d to 6d less c.i.f. Coffee firm but quiet. Rice dull. Linseed very steady and quiet. Palm oil slow of sale, sellers soft oils December-January to April-May shipments position £15 12s 6d transit, 2s 6d less ex-quay terms. Tallow dull and inactive. Palm kernels steady and quiet, sellers January-February shipments £8 15s. Rubber—Hard fine Para steady, 7½d to 7¾d spot and forward. Linseed oil quietly steady. Resin—American types quiet. Petroleum steady. Turpentine quiet. Ground nuts quiet, decorticated Coromandels £10 1s 3d December-January to January-February shipments. The market will be closed on Saturday and Monday.

Second Report—Cane sugar firm, sellers 6s 4½d c.i.f. December-January to United Kingdom. Cocoa—Spot and forward shipments of West African firm but demand quiet, sellers G.F. Accra to the Continent 21s 3d January-March, 21s 6d February-April, buyers 3d to 6d less c.i.f. Coffee firm, but quiet on spot. Rice slow Linseed steadier, River Plate £10 18s 9d January shipments. Palm oil quietly steady. Tallow dull and easier. South American No. 1 Frigorific beefs 16s c.i.f. to Liverpool. Palm kernels steady; demand quiet. Rubber—Hard fine Para steady, 7½d to 7¾d spot and forward; plantation steady, buyers spot 8 3-16d, February 8¼d. Linseed oil firmer, raw 27s 10½d, boiled 29s 4½d spot in barrels. Resin quiet. Petroleum steady. Turpentine quiet. Ground nuts quiet; decorticated Coromandels £10 5s December-January also February-March shipments. Lard—Boxes steady, 45s to 47s. Market closed Saturday and Monday.

LIVERPOOL PROVISIONS.—Poultry market—Fowls 8d to 8½d, chickens 1s to 1s 1d.

BIRKENHEAD CATTLE—A slow but firm trade prevailed for the cattle on offer. Choice small stall-fed bullocks and heifers made 7½d, best medium weights 7¼d, strong and secondary classes 6½d to 7d, strong cows 5½d, aged sorts 4½d, young bulls 6d, other classes 4½d to 5½d. Lambs were in demand at 9d to 9½d—all prices per lb, sinking the offal. The week's supplies were 1,550 cattle and 1,250 lambs.

CLEVELAND IRON—Holiday holding up business, but a feeling of optimism runs through the market. Buyers, though not fully satisfied with recently revised stabilised quotations expected to release considerable orders for most commodities. Stocks of Cleveland pig about as light as considered advisable to hold for ordinary trading and tonnage accumulations. East Coast hematite, while large, not inconveniently heavy and likely to decrease early in New Year. Semi-finished and finished iron and steel producers hope to book orders that will enable them to re-start idle plant, some of which has been inactive for many months. Early resumption of buying iron and steel scrap expected.

DUBLIN CORN—A fair number of samples were on offer which met a slow demand at the following prices:—White oats 12s to 14s, black 10s 6d to 11s, and wheat 27s 6d to 30s 6d per barrel delivered.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL—Very quiet market owing to New Year holidays.

ADMIRALTY AND NEW WARSHIPS.

HOW ORDERS ARE PLACED.

REPLY TO GLASGOW APPEAL.

In a letter to the Lord Provost of Glasgow, who has been pressing for naval contracts for the Clyde, the Director of Navy Contracts, Mr. J. Dale Russell, states that Glasgow firms already noted as eligible to tender to the Admiralty are afforded every opportunity of doing so and their tenders receive the fullest consideration and the benefit of preference, other things being equal, which is accorded to certain areas suffering from severe and prolonged unemployment.

The letter also points out that as the Admiralty requirements under the rearmament programme are, generally speaking, not comparable with those which obtained, for example, during the late war the Department's principal supply problems have been in relation to specialised products for which reliance must be placed on firms having the necessary highly skilled workers with long experience of the specialised articles.

LAST THOUGHT WAS HER LITTLE BOY.

FATALLY BURNED WOMAN

DIDN'T WANT CHILD TO SEE HER.

"The last thought of this poor woman was about her child," said Mr. T. E. Alexander, Coroner of Belfast, at an inquest held on Mrs. Margaret Henry, aged 44, of 35 Meadow Street, who died in the Royal Victoria Hospital on December 22 from shock and heart failure following burns.

Evidence was given by James Armstrong, foreman in Messrs. Gallaher's export department, Meadow Street, that on December 20 he saw a sheet of flame rush past the window, and on running to the gate found deceased with her clothes blazing and in an hysterical state. He promptly wrapped some sacking round her and telephoned for the ambulance. She kept talking about her baby, but did not say how her clothes got on fire.

The Coroner—I think you acted very promptly, Mr. Armstrong.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gore, 19 Meadow Street, stated that as she was cleaning her front window she saw Mrs. Henry rush out of her house in flames into Gallaher's. She was shouting "My baby!" and when witness got to her she asked witness to take care that her little boy should not see her in that state.

James Henry, the husband, who was at his work at the time, said there was a range in the kitchen.

The Coroner in returning a verdict of accidental death expressed his sympathy with the relatives.

MAN AND HIS WIFE'S PRAYER.

A similar verdict was returned in the case of Mrs. Ellen Margaret Chambers (75), of 45 Methuen Street, who also died as the result of burns.

Her husband Robert Chambers, said they were sitting at the fire on Christmas Eve when deceased suddenly fell forward into it. He pulled her out and took off all the burning clothes before going for assistance. She was later removed to the Union Infirmary, but died on Christmas Day.

The Coroner said that Mr. Chambers had the consolation of knowing that he did all in his power to save his wife.

Mr. Chambers said his wife had been complaining for a long time of a pain in her side. "Many a night," he added, "when she went to bed she would pray to God to take her, she was suffering so."

THAT'S WHY.

A woman motorist said at Wood Green (London) Police Court:—

"If I'd swerved to the right the accident would have been much more serious. If I'd swerved to the left there wouldn't have been an accident. That's why I kept straight on."

RUSSO-GERMAN TRADE COLLAPSE.

BERLIN, Friday.—That trade between Russia and Germany has declined steadily between 1931 and 1938 is shown to-day by figures published in Berlin.

While in 1931 Germany exported goods to the value of 762,700,000 marks to Russia, and imported goods to the value of 303,500,000 marks, and gold and silver to the value of 247,400,000 marks; in 1937 the corresponding figures had sunk to 117,400,000 marks, 65,100,000 marks, and nothing, wires the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" correspondent.

In 1938 the tendency to decline has taken on a far sharper form. Between January and September exports from Germany to the U.S.S.R. were worth only 21,000,000 and imports 34,700,000.

The drop in exports to Russia is attributed here to three factors—the foreign trade policy of the Soviet, the reduction of Russian import activity as a whole, and the slowness with which Germany is able to fulfil contracts in view of the strain placed on German industry in inland requirements.

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SCENES OF SOLEMN SPLENDOUR.

With ritual of solemn splendour, and in the presence of high dignatories of the Church, monks and 2,000 men and women of all creeds and classes, Dom Anscar Vonier, Lord Abbot of Buckfast Abbey, Devon, was buried Friday in a tomb near the high altar of the church, which he had restored to its present glory.

Three Bishops and seven Abbots attended. Mourners arrived in cars which stretched far down the village street leading to the Abbey, and villagers and farm hands trudged along the Devon lanes in sunshine from the early hours.

The great bell, "Hosanna," weighing 7½ tons, tolled its mournful message as the people took their places in the beautiful Abbey which Dom Vonier had created through his unshaken faith and patience.

They crossed themselves as they knelt at their seats praying silently for the one whom they all loved. Six torches mounted on pillars of black and gold threw a soft golden light over the coffin of the Lord Abbot reposing on trestles covered with a pall of black and purple. On it rested the Abbot's mitre and crozier. From high in the vaulted roof fell broad streamers of black cloth which were caught up to form a canopy over the Abbot. His stall and the sanctuary walls were also draped in black and purple. The magnificent gold altar was flooded with light from the gold candelabra.

VIVID COLOUR CONTRAST.

Sunshine filtered through the windows, throwing into relief the colours of the robes of bishops, abbots, and canons of the different orders. There were the gold and crimson vestments of the bishops, the short purple velvet capes edged with ermine of the canons, and the cream habits of the Cistercian monks, contrasting vividly with the black and brown habits of the Benedictine and Franciscan Brothers.

Incense filled the air as the congregation rose, while the procession of clergy and the choir moved to their places and the monks began to chant the first part of the Mass for the dead.

The Bishop of Plymouth (Dr. Barrett), attended by his deacons, moved to the throne and began the solemn observance of Pontifical High Mass. At the altar, the Bishop performed the consecration and with the singing of the anthem the Requiem Mass ended.

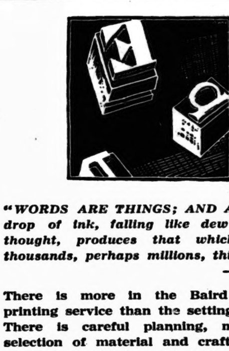
After the Bishop had returned to the throne the Abbot of Prinknash delivered the panegyric.

The Bishop of Plymouth, with impressive ceremonial, then went to the bier and pronounced the absolution. The purple black pall was removed from the coffin and, while the choir sang the "Benedictus," eight village workmen carried the Abbot to his permanent tomb on the north side of the sanctuary, within a few feet of the high altar where the Abbot had officiated for so many years. After the coffin had been lowered into the tomb all the members of the community and distinguished visitors filed by and sprinkled it with holy water.

In addition to the Bishop of Plymouth, the other two bishops were Bishop Myers, who had come to specially represent Cardinal Hinsley, and Bishop Thompson, the retired Bishop of Gibraltar. Among the laymen were Lord Sempill, Lord Clonmore and Lord Mildmay of Flete.

THAT WAS HARDLY SURPRISING.

"Although his wife was wearing a fur coat there was an air of poverty about him," said a witness at Wood Green (London) Court.



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REMAND AT MAGHERAFELT.

SERGEANT'S FIND IN FIELD.

At a special court in Magherafelt, before Mr. S. S. Badger, J.P., Frederick Roland Westbrook, of 4th Battery, Royal Artillery Depot, Woolwich, appeared in custody charged with breaking and entering the Technical School, Magherafelt, with intent to commit a felony, and with stealing a hammer, the property of the Regional Education Committee.

Mrs. Brigid Niblock, the school caretaker, said on the morning of December 30, 1938, she found the office door damaged. She went into the workshop and met the accused. She asked him what he was doing there, and he replied that he was working. She sent for the police, and told him to remain.

He threatened her with a hammer, and escaped out of the back door.

Constable M'Kenna said as a result of what he had been told he stopped accused, who was cycling on the Killyfaddy Road. Witness arrested him.

Accompanied by Sergeant Gibson witness went to the Technical School, where he found holes bored in the office door with a brace and bit. There was a locker broken open and a glass press broken into. In a potato field he found a hammer and a khaki uniform.

Accused was remanded in custody for eight days.

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TOOK REFUGE FROM STORM

IN JAPAN'S SECRET AREA.

BRITISH INTRUDERS DETAINED.

TOKIO, Friday.—The captain, the two British mates, and 44 Chinese members of the crew of the 2,931 ton British freighter Hannah Moller have been detained by Japanese police, the Domei agency stated here to-day. They were detained by water police authorities at Muroran, on the south-western coast of Hokkaido Island, in north Japan, on suspicion of violating Japanese territorial waters and are at present being examined, the agency adds.

The Hannah Moller, which entered Muroran yesterday from Shiogama, in Miyagi Prefecture, in north-eastern Japan, is alleged to have touched an unnamed and "forbidden" port in Japan when taking refuge from a storm while bound for Muroran from Miyagi Prefecture.

The vessel is owned by Moller and Co. of Shanghai, and chartered by the Dairen Steamship Co., of Dairen.—Reuter.

CINEMA FOR MENTAL PATIENTS

IN OMAGH HOSPITAL.

800 ENJOY FIRST PICTURES.

A cinema for the entertainment of the patients in Omagh District Mental Hospital was inaugurated in the institution on Thursday night when almost all the patients, numbering about 800, were in attendance.

The cinema owes its origin to the suggestion of Dr. J. Moore Johnston, R.M.S., and judging from the popular reception accorded to the first pictures it will achieve its principal object—namely, to brighten the lives of the patients and provide plenty of entertainment.

The cost of the cinema and the various films will not be borne by the ratepayers, but by funds bequeathed to the committee for the benefit of the patients and from the Patients' Entertainment Fund. The principal demand will be for humorous pictures.

UNEMPLOYED FLAG ON MONUMENT.

"WE MUST NOT STARVE."

THE POLICE REMOVE IT.

Fluttering 202 feet high from the top of the Monument—London's landmark in the City built to commemorate the great fire of 1666—a banner bearing the words: "For a happy new year the unemployed must not starve in 1939," could be seen by Londoners yesterday.

After 15 minutes during which a large crowd congregated police climbed up and took it away.

It had been unfurled by 12 members of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement who had climbed the monument in one's and two's, having paid 3d for admission.

To reach the top of the monument, which stands at the northern approach to London Bridge 345 black marble steps had to be climbed.

Mr. A. Salisbury, of Hunton Street, London, said: "We had no intention of creating any disturbance, but we wanted to show the public how strongly we feel about the present system which allows us to exist on a miserable pittance.

"There were a number of visitors at the top of the monument when we got there and after the banner had been hung over the top someone shouted down the stairs. Attendants then came running up, but we stood with our backs against the door. When the police came they knocked on the door and we let them in."

The men left peaceably.

WINDOW-CLEANER KILLED.

BY FALL IN GLASGOW.

Hundreds of people were horrified to see a window cleaner topple from a second storey window in Glasgow on Friday and fall to his death on the spiked railing.

The victim was John Morrison, aged 60, of Buchan Place.

The accident occurred in Abbotsford Place in the south side of the city. While cleaning a window he overbalanced. Death was instantaneous.

BALLYCLARE HIGH SCHOOL

APPOINTMENT OF HEADMASTER.

The Governors of Ballyclare High School met on Thursday evening to appoint a headmaster to succeed Mr. A. E. Fowweather, who has gone to take up a similar position at Downpatrick.

There were 24 applicants for the position, which at a previous meeting was reduced to 10, again being further reduced to two.

On the vote being taken, Mr. Robt. E. Russell, A.R.C.Sc.I., B.Sc., Bangor Grammar School, was unanimously appointed to the position.

PENSIONER SINCE 1896.

LONDON EX-POLICEMAN AGED 92.

In 1871 "Harry" Pearless, a Sussex man, joined the Metropolitan Police Force. He did his 25 years' service and retired. Now he is one of the oldest London Police pensioners. He resides in Bow.

At 92 he is active and cheery.

"I served in the Wapping district for some time and then for 15 years I was at Bethnal Green," he told a reporter. "I joined the Force when I was 24, I did. I remember 'em asking me where I'd like to go. I told 'em I didn't mind, particularly so long as there was a bit of work to do."

He turned to his wife sitting at the other side of the kitchen fire. "When we were married she was just turned 18," he said, "and I was just turned 20. You can see how long that is. My wife will be 90 in February."

He left the Force in June, 1896, and then took on a job as a caretaker. His advice for good health is "Live plainly."

BUS A LA MODE.

"He got into the bus, spread himself all over the seat, and I heard him ask the conductor what was on the menu," said a witness at Wood Green Court, London.

LIVERPOOL HOUSE OF DEATH.

CHRISTMAS DAY DRAMA

WOMAN AND SON GASSED.

YOUNGER BOY'S INQUEST STORY.

A Christmas morning drama, due to an eight years' old boy's early rising for his Christmas presents, was disclosed at an inquest at Liverpool, on Mrs. Ada Brown, aged 42, living in a tenement at South Hill House, Dingle Buildings, Liverpool, and her son, George Brown, aged 13, who were found gassed in their bedroom.

It was stated that Mrs. Brown's husband left her seven years ago, and she had since lived alone with the two boys.

Leslie Brown, aged eight, son of the woman, said on Christmas Eve he and his mother and brother George went to bed all sleeping in the same bed. He got up early on Christmas morning for his presents, but, as his mother and brother George were still asleep, he went out by climbing through the window. He had some food at the house of a boy friend, and returned home through the window, and found his mother and George still asleep. He tried to wake them, but could not, and got into bed with his mother, George being asleep on the floor.

The boy described how he again went out on Monday and Tuesday, leaving his mother and brother asleep.

Mrs. Edith Walker, a neighbour, stated that when Leslie told her on Wednesday morning he could not waken his mother or George, she went to the house and found they were both dead.

Detective-Sergeant Grundy said he was satisfied from his inquiries that the death of Mrs. Brown and her son was through accidental gas poisoning.

DETECTIVE'S THEORY.

He found a number of spent and unspent matches near the gas meter, and his theory was that the boy, who knew where to find the pennies for the gas meter, had inserted a penny and lit the gas in the back kitchen, and when he did so, the gas began to flow through the gas stove in the bedroom, which had been on when the gas had previously expended itself.

He said there was a Christmas parcel in the room, some of the contents of which had been extracted, and on the table the children's toys were spread out ready for them on Christmas morning.

Professor T. B. Davie, Professor of Pathology at Liverpool University, said death was due to gas poisoning, and the woman and her son had been dead at least two, or probably three days.

The Coroner returned an open verdict, saying that the mother and son died on or around Christmas Day, from gas poisoning, but how that came about there was no evidence to show.

DENIALS BY LORD HALIFAX.

PREMIER AND MR. EDEN.

NO GERMAN VISITOR EXPECTED.

Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, told a Press Association reporter last night that the rumours of there being any political significance about the proximity of the Prime Minister and Mr. Eden are entirely unfounded.

The Prime Minister, who is in Yorkshire, is the guest of Lord Swinton in Wensleydale, and Mr. Eden is staying at Kirkdale Manor, Nawton.

Lord Halifax also emphatically denied that any representative of the German Chancellor was expected either at Garrowby Hall or at Hickleton Hall, Lord Halifax's Yorkshire seats.

Lord Halifax added—"So far as I know the Prime Minister is not coming to see me while he is in Yorkshire."

SHOT MAN INQUEST

SCENE OUTSIDE COURT.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST WITNESS

As a witness in a shooting tragedy inquest at Bentley, near Doncaster, Mrs. Lucy Chambers, middle-aged wife of a miner, of Askern Road, Bentley, was leaving the court a small hostile crowd made a demonstration against her.

A photographer who was taking a picture of her had his camera kicked out of his hand and smashed by a male friend of Mrs. Chambers.

The inquest was on Larry Greenwood (44), an unemployed colliery clerk, of 56 Arksey Lane, Bentley, who was found shot through the head dead in a garden outside the house of Mrs. Chambers and her husband when a party of 20 were holding Boxing Night revels. The shot was heard at 2-30 a.m. on Tuesday, and guests who rushed out found Greenwood lying dead with a terrible gunshot wound in his head and a Service revolver nearby.

The widow said he had suffered terribly from pains in the head due to a tumour and had been depressed through being unemployed.

Mrs. Lucy Chambers said she had known Greenwood some years and had walked in the street with him, but denied any guilty association, though he had threatened to strangle her and take his own life.

George Chambers (56), husband of Mrs Chambers, said he had threatened to give Greenwood a good hiding if he did not keep away from the house, where he had been seen loitering about.

The Coroner (Mr. W. H. Carlile) said he did not think Mrs. Chambers had told him the whole truth.

A verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned.

LIQUID ASSETS.

WITTY TOPICAL COMMENTS.

"Queen of the air"—No plain Jane.
"Debts paid with wine"—Liquid assets.
"Cold comfort"—Eucalyptus.
"Cocktail champion"—A shaky title.
"Why women slim"—To make others look round.—The Star.

IN NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

NURSING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

It is announced that Sir Malcom Delevingne is to be chairman of the Central Emergency Committee for the nursing profession which is to compile a register of nursing auxiliaries, and all nurses and nurse assistants who are prepared to offer their services in an emergency.

YOUNG MOTHER DIES.

HUSBAND'S DASH IN VAIN.

Mrs. Gertrude Peek, whose husband made a dash across country to her from his ship at Milford Haven after a broadcast S.O.S., died in the North Suffolk Hospital on Friday.

Mrs. Peek, who was 24, gave birth to a son on Boxing Day, but while the baby made good progress the mother became gravely ill, and the B.B.C. broadcast a message to her husband, William Frederick Peek, mate of the Lowestoft drifter Adele.

The Adele raced for Milford Haven, and reached port late last night, but Mr. Peek was too late to reach his wife's side before she died.

HIS MAXIM—SAFETY FIRST.

Man at Wood Green Court—For a woman my wife drives very well. I taught her.

DUKE OF WINDSOR'S GIFT.

ANTIBES, Friday.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who are spending their Christmas holidays at their chateau at Cap d'Antibes, have sent the Mayor of Antibes a cheque for 5,000 francs for the relief of the poor.—Exchange.

MURDERED SURREY JEWELLER.

MAN UNDER ARREST.

BRIEF COURT PROCEEDINGS

STATEMENT BY CHIEF INSPECTOR.

William Thomas Butler (34), described as an unemployed motor driver, of Laurel Road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, was at Kingston County Police Court on Friday, remanded for a week, charged with the murder of Ernest Percival Key.

Butler was brought into the dock escorted by two uniformed policemen.

He was shabbily dressed, unshaven, and wore no collar or tie.

Immediately the three magistrates had taken their seats the Clerk (Mr. J. Sackville Bell) addressed Butler by his name and told him that he was charged: "That you did with malice aforethought feloniously murder Ernest Percival Key, aged 64, at 74 Victoria Road, Surbiton, on December 24, 1938."

Chief-Inspector Parker told the magistrates that he proposed to offer only very short evidence, and asked for a remand for a week. He said "about 2-50 p.m. I saw the prisoner detained at Kingston Police Station. I cautioned him and said, 'On December 27 I saw the body of Ernest Percival Key at Kingston County Hospital, and as the result of inquiries you will be charged with wilfully murdering him on December 24.'

"He made no reply. He was later formally charged when he said, 'I wish to alter the statement I made to Chief Inspector Parker this morning.'"

Asked by the Chairman (Mr. W. O. Bailey) whether he wished to ask the Inspector any questions, Butler in a voice scarcely audible replied, "No, sir."

The proceedings lasted about three minutes.

MASONIC RITES AT BURIAL.

The funeral of Mr. Ernest Percival Key took place at St. Mark's Church, Surbiton, yesterday.

Freemasons from the lodge to which Mr. Key belonged lined the path leading to the church when the coffin was borne in.

The Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, Vicar of St Mary's, East Molesey, officiated at the brief service, and the interment was at Surbiton Cemetery.

In accordance with Masonic rites, sprigs of mimosa were dropped on to the coffin as it was lowered into the grave.

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN ULSTER.

INQUEST ON MOIRA WOMAN.

"SUDDENLY STARTED TO RUN."

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned at an inquest in Lurgan on Friday evening, on Miss Margaret Ann M'Dowell (72), of Moira, Co. Down, who died in Lurgan Hospital on Thursday evening, following injuries received when she was knocked down by a motor-car driven by Mr. J. H. Menary, Belfast Road, Lurgan.

Evidence was given that Miss M'Dowell and her sister had alighted from a bus at Moira on Thursday. The sister got safely across the road, but Miss M'Dowell hesitated in crossing.

Hugh Heaney, a schoolboy, said Miss M'Dowell seemed to have her head down while crossing the road. The driver of the car sounded his horn, and Miss M'Dowell started to run. The car mounted the footpath, but the offside struck her.

Medical evidence was given by Mr. W. W. Bassett, F.R.C.S., to the effect that the woman died from fracture of the base of the skull and shock.

Miss J. F. Thornberry, Cabin Hill Park, Knock, Belfast, a passenger in the car, said the woman hesitated when near the middle of the road. Mr. Menary drove on, but when the car was about seven yards from her she suddenly started to run. The driver swerved, but the offside of the car struck her.

The jury expressed sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

MOSSIDE FATALITY.

GIRL DESCRIBES THE ACCIDENT.

At an inquest in Lisburn on Friday, before Dr. J. C. Loughridge, J.P., deputy-coroner for the Belfast Division of County Antrim, an open verdict was returned on Robert Godfrey (65), a farm labourer, of Mosside, Derriaghy, who was knocked down by a lorry near his home on the main Lisburn-Belfast road on Wednesday evening.

Evidence of identification was given by Mrs. Sarah Neill, 42 Sloan Street, Lisburn, sister of the deceased, who said that deceased was an old-age pensioner.

Miss Molly Floyd, 26 Bridge Street, Hilden, said with her sister she was walking towards Belfast, and at Mosside saw deceased emerge from a public-house near by. He waited for a car proceeding towards Lisburn to pass and then made to cross the road. He stopped on the centre line of the road, and a lorry going towards Belfast knocked him down. Just before the accident deceased had his head down, as he was a bit bent.

Sergeant Joseph Hamilton, Dunmurry, said the brakes and lights of the lorry were in order. The driver made a statement in which he said he dimmed his lights before the accident when meeting oncoming traffic, and the next thing he knew was seeing a man on his right front mudguard.

Dr. J. G. Johnston, surgeon of the County Antrim Infirmary, Lisburn, said death was due to shock and laceration of the brain.

Mr. Anthony Mitchell was foreman of the jury; Captain W. F. Creery, district-inspector, represented the Crown; Mr. J. T. M'Connell, Lisburn, was for the next-of-kin; and Mr. W. B. Maginess, LL.D., M.P. (instructed by Messrs. W. G. Maginess & Son, Lisburn) appeared for William Mills, Racecourse Hotel, Maze, Lisburn, the driver of the lorry.

FIVE MEN SUSTAIN BURNS

WHEN VARNISH BOILS OVER.

Five men were burned three of them severely, when a vat of varnish boiled over in the works of Messrs. Blundell, Spence & Co., paint manufacturers, Hull, on Friday. The varnish burst into flames. The badly injured men were George Harrison, of Inglemire Lane, Hull; Walter Harrison, of Sharp Street, Hull, and Richard Freeman, of Raywell Street, Hull.

They were admitted to the Royal Infirmary, and George Harrison, who was unconscious, and Freeman were detained.

The other two men were treated at the works.

WHAT THE WOMAN SAID.

A policeman, giving evidence at Wood Green Court — She said: "I think your remark was quite uncalled for." I told her I had not said anything, and she said: "It is very rude of you to ignore me."

DROWNED PLAYING FOOTBALL.

Edward Thompson (17), apprentice fitter, of Langley Road, North Shields, was drowned in the Tyne on Friday off Messrs. Baird Bros. Engineering Yard, North Shields. He was playing football on the quayside when he tripped and fell into the river. His body was recovered.

LABOUR'S ELECTION POLICY.

A conference to consider Labour's General Election policy is to be held in Manchester on January 14.

The Election Committee of the Labour Party has approved Labour contesting the Holderness (Yorks) by-election, and a selection conference will be held in the constituency next Tuesday to select the candidate.

In the case of Ripon the candidature of Mr. R. J. Hall, who contested the seat at the last election, has already been endorsed by the National Executive of the Labour Party.

BELFAST THEATRES NEXT WEEK.

TWO ROYAL FEATURES.

BOY ACTORS AT CLASSIC.

"ROBIN HOOD" AND "CINDERELLA."

At the Royal Cinema next week the feature films will be "Lady Behave," starring Sally Eilers and Neil Hamilton, and the "Trigger Trio," with the "Three Mesquiteers." The first is a comedy about a girl who saves her sister from prison by posing as the bride of a millionaire, the latter has just been married. The action moves at a brisk tempo, and the story has a number of twists that introduce a nicely contrived note of suspense. The second is a Western thriller.

CLASSIC CINEMA.

Humphrey Bogart and the six New York boy actors who were seen in "Dead End," will start at the Classic next week in "Crime School," a drama of American reformatory school life in which Bogart for once is on the side of law and order as the cleaner-up of scandals connected with the schools. Gordon Harker, Leslie Perrins, and Irene Ware star in the second feature, "No Parking," a comedy in which Harker finds himself unwittingly in the pay of an American gangster.

RITZ THEATRE.

The Ritz is retaining "The Adventures of Robin Hood" for another week, and this is not to be wondered at, for the big capacity of the theatre has been taxed all this week to accommodate the holiday crowds. Errol Flynn's Robin Hood is as near perfection as the legendary figure can be imagined, and with Basil Rathbone as Sir Guy of Gisbourne, the hero and villain have been admirably matched. The settings faithfully portray the romantic period in which the action takes place and the delightful colour photography adds to the picture's entertainment value.

BELFAST HIPPODROME.

The Hippodrome pantomime "Cinderella" got into its stride right from the opening, and goes into next week sure of packed and enthusiastic audiences. That experienced producer, Mr. Prince Littler, has done a good job of work, and presents a gay, spectacular, sparkling show, in which comedy never slacks. Josephine Trix is a great Cinderella, and Margaret Morgan is Prince Charming. Special mention is due to the Corona Babes, a bevy of dancers, who seem to enjoy their work.

CURZON PICTURE HOUSE.

Will Fyffe will be seen at the Curzon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in "Owd Bob," in which he is an old Scottish farmer whose only redeeming features are his love for his daughter, Margaret Lockwood, and his fierce dog, "Black Wull," supposed to be the prime sheep-killer in the district. In support will be Wendy Barrie in "A Girl with Ideas," and at the week-end the features will be Richard Arlen and Fay Wray in "Murder in Greenwich Village" and Ken Maynard in "Avenging Waters."

CRUMLIN PICTURE HOUSE.

At the Crumlin Picture House on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the principal holiday feature will be the strange mystery drama "The Invisible Menace," starring Boris Karloff. It follows closely the American stage play "Without Warning," and is said to be even more successful as an entertainment. On Thursday, Charles Quigley and Rita Hayworth star in "The Circus Shadow," a drama of circus life, introducing all the thrills of a "big top" entertainment.

BELFAST EMPIRE.

"Robinson Crusoe" at the Empire is one of the fastest moving and most magnificent pantomimes ever seen there. Eva Thomson is a most attractive principal boy with a delightful singing voice. Jenny M'Andrew is a capable principal girl with a talent for ventriloquism. The Oxford five International Cycling stars and Walter Jackson, impersonator, are amongst the many specialities of the show, while the comedy is in the hands of Joe Walmer and Stella Peters ("Dead Pan Stella.")

ROUND OF THE CINEMAS.

FEATURES FOR OPENING OF 1939.

The attraction at the **Picture House** next week will be "Paddy, the Next Best Thing," starring Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter. Edward G. Robinson in "A Slight Case of Murder," at the **Imperial**, will be supported by "Sh! The Octopus," starring Hugh Herbert and Allen Jenkins. "When Girls Leave Home," at the **Stadium** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, features Roger Pryor and Muriel Evans, and the week-end brings "Alcatraz Island." The **Coliseum** has "Alcatraz Island" for early week, followed on Thursday by "When Girls Leave Home." The **Clonard** shows "A Damsel in Distress" (Joan Fontaine) on Monday, and "Fit For a King" and "Danger Patrol" at the week-end. At the **Savoy** for early week is "Stage Door," and at the week-end "The Rat" and "Quick Money." "Reaching for the Moon" and "South Riding," at the **Windsor** on Monday, give place on Thursday to "Merrily We Live." The **Regal** feature all next week will be "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." On Monday at the **Midland** the feature will be "Navy Blue and Gold," with "Rosalie" for the mid-week change. The **Strand** and **Majestic** will screen the big aviation drama, "Test Pilot," starring Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy. The **Troxy** shows on Monday and Tuesday "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," on Wednesday and Thursday "Mata Hari," and on Friday and Saturday "Fraternally Yours" and "Double Danger." At the **Picturedrome** there will be the great aerial attraction, "Test Pilot," featuring Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy. The Bangor **Tonic's** early week attractions are "Swing, Teacher Swing" and "Cassidy of Bar 20," followed on Thursday by "Tovarich" (Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer). Tom Walls in "Strange Boarders" will be at the **Lyceum** all week, also Bob Baker in "The Last Stand." **Park** Cinema is showing for early week "Star of the Circus" and "Navy Blues," with "45 Fathers" and "S.O.S. Clipper Island" later. "Three Smart Girls" and "Boss of Lone Valley," at the **Kelvin** on Monday, will be replaced on Thursday by "Hell's Angels" and "Border Vengeance." The **Astoria** has "Manhattan Music Box" and "Springtime in the Rockies" for Monday, followed by "Swing, Teacher, Swing" and "Cassidy of Bar 20." Jimmy O'Dea provides the early week **Castle** feature in "Blarney," and at the week-end come "Anything for a Thrill" and "Texas Serenade." The **Apollo** features "The Prisoner of Zenda" on Monday, followed by "I Met My Love Again" and "West Bound Ltd." on Thursday. The features at the **Duncairn** next week will be:—"Sailing Along"- (Monday), and "Port of Missing Girls" and "Telephone Operator" The **Forum** has a repertory programme for early week, followed on Thursday by "Charlie Chan at Monte Carlo" and "Borneo."

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

The English Ministry of Agriculture announces that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed on Friday among cattle at Llanvihangel Mobion, Monmouthshire.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.
For the instant relief and speedy cure of coughs and colds a remedy of outstanding merit is Nicholl's Marshmallow Linctus. A few doses will convince you of its effectiveness. Bottles 1s 3d and 2s 6d; per post 1s 9d and 3s. Sold only by I. W. NICHOLL, LTD., Pharmaceutical Chemists, 25 High Street, Belfast. (6)

THIEVES' RAID ON MANSION.

£1,000 JEWELS HAUL.

THREATENED WITH BAR.

WOMAN DIRECTS THE ROBBERS.

Two men who threatened the wife of Major G. Smith-Bosanquet with an iron bar in a bedroom of their country house, Broxbornebury, at Broxbourne (Herts), early yesterday escaped in a car with jewellery worth, it is believed, from £800 to £1,000.

Mrs. Smith-Bosanquet's husband, a former M.F.H., has been an invalid for over a year.

The thieves gained an entrance to the house by way of a dining-room window.

Mrs. Smith-Bosanquet had been sitting up late with her husband. She was awakened by noises in the corridor outside, and thinking it might be her husband's night nurse, called out, "Do you want anything?" and switched on the light over her bed.

Suddenly the door burst open and two men entered with their hats pulled down over their eyes.

"My first impulse," said Mrs. Smith-Bosanquet, "was to call for help, but I suddenly realised that in the next room on one side was my invalid husband, who is very ill, and in the bedroom on the other side my aged mother.

"One of the men, carrying an iron bar, threatened me if I made any sound and demanded to know where my jewellery was.

"I said to the men: 'If you go quietly without disturbing either my husband or my mother I will tell you where my jewel case is.'"

The jewel case was in the bedroom, and I told the men where to find it.

"Then an idea occurred to me, and I suddenly switched out the light. The men became alarmed and, having obtained possession of the jewellery, hurried from the room. One of them switched on an electric torch, but in his haste dropped it and the room was again in darkness.

"I went through the communicating door to my husband's room as quietly as I could and tried to telephone to the Hoddesdon police, but I was unable to get through, and I therefore 'phoned Scotland Yard."

Before going upstairs to Mrs. Smith-Bosanquet's bedroom the intruders had ransacked the major's study on the ground floor but found nothing of value, and after obtaining the jewellery they immediately made off in a car.

Earlier in the evening a car was stolen from the garage of Tudor House, Bell Lane, Broxbourne, which lies just on the fringe of the Broxbornebury estate, and it is thought that this car, which was later found abandoned in Stepney, was the one used by the thieves.

ARMY CHANGES IN FRANCE.

NEW CHIEF LIKELY.

AND THREE GENERAL OFFICERS.

The weekly political review, "l'Europe Nouvelle," announces that as part of an important reorganisation of the French military command, Gen. Georges, assistant to the Chief of General Staff, will shortly be appointed Generalissimo of the armed forces in France.

Gen. Gamelin, who is at present both chief of the General Staff of the Army and chief of the General Staff of National Defence, will, says "l'Europe Nouvelle," relinquish the first of these posts and retain the second, whilst his period of active service will be extended till he reaches the age of 70.

Gen. Georges, the article continues, has been selected by Gen. Gamelin to replace him as Chief of the Army General Staff and Commander-in-Chief in case of war.

Gen. Georges will reach the age limit of 68 in February, 1943, says the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Paris correspondent.

The purpose of Gen. Gamelin's recommendation, it is added, is to place the supreme command of the Army for the next four years at least out of reach of competition or political intrigues.

Another innovation, according to the same source, will be the immediate designation of three general officers, who will be called upon next year to replace in the Higher Council of War Gen. Hering, Military Governor of Strasbourg; Gen. Dosse, Inspector-General of Gendarmerie, and of the training of reserves, and Gen. Pretelat.

In this way these three generals will be in a position to prepare themselves for their new functions before being called upon to exercise them.

BALLYNAHINCH CUBS.

ENTERTAINED AT MONTALTO.

The Countess of Clanwilliam entertained the First Ballynahinch Cubs at Montalto, Ballynahinch, on Friday evening.

A Christmas tree, bearing gifts, was provided for the young people, who also enjoyed refreshments.

Lord Clanwilliam and Lady Mary Hermoine were also present.

FRENCH MAYORAL EXPLOSION.

CARPENTRAS (Vaucluse Department), Friday.—The Municipal Council of Carianne met to-day to elect a Mayor, M. Roy. The enthusiastic game-warden of the district wanted to announce the result by igniting a huge squib, but the squib exploded accidentally and the game-warden is now in hospital, where it is feared that he may lose his sight.—Exchange.

N.U.R. CHIEF'S FATAL MISTAKE.

OPENED WRONG DOOR

IN RAILWAY COMPARTMENT.

KILLED IN FALL FROM TRAIN.

Just waking from sleep while on a train journey to spend Christmas with his family Mr. Walter T. Griffiths, president of the National Union of Railwaymen, opened the wrong door of the compartment and stepped out on to the railway line.

That explanation of the accident which caused Mr. Griffith's death was accepted at the inquest at Uffington, near Swindon, yesterday.

Mr. Griffith's body was found on the line nine hours after the train on which he was travelling to Newport, Monmouthshire, had passed through Uffington.

DOOR OPEN: CARRIAGE EMPTY.

Maurice Brunnock, of Enfield, who travelled with Mr. Griffiths, said they had both gone to sleep.

"I woke up feeling cold, and found the door open and the carriage empty," said Mr. Brunnock.

Mr. Griffith was sober. He was in a jovial mood, talking about football, and mentioning that it was his birthday on Christmas Day.

John Williams, of Fishguard, the guard on the train, said the heated carriage might have fogged the window and made it difficult for a man half awake to distinguish between the outer door and the corridor door.

The Coroner summing up, said there was a complete absence of any motive why Mr. Griffiths should take his life. He was happy in his home life and happy in his work and looking forward to spending Christmas with his family.

The Coroner said that he had travelled on a similar train the previous night, and had found the outer door reflected the corridor door. It was possible for a man just waking from sleep to open the wrong door.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

GOSSIP FROM PRESS.

GENERAL ELECTION TALK.

BALDWIN SPEECH RECALLED.

LONDON, Saturday.

In view of the rumours to which Mr. Chamberlain's message to "Home and Empire" has given rise, that there is to be an early General Election, it is worth while recalling what Lord Baldwin told the House of Commons in 1935. In announcing the General Election of that year, he went very thoroughly into the factors which govern the choice of a date for an election. According to Lord Baldwin, the only possible times for a General Election are the months of October and November, and the opening six weeks of the year. Financial business in Parliament makes an election between mid-February and July undesirable. July and August are holiday months, and December interferes with Christmas. Lord Baldwin pointed out that his own dissolution of Parliament in May, 1929, which, he said, he would not repeat, was the only one in 40 years which did not conform to the rules he laid down. He quoted with approval, Macaulay's dictum, that a wise Minister will always dissolve a year before the end of a Parliament. If Mr. Chamberlain follows that rule, the election will come next October or November, as have five of the last six elections.—"Peterborough," in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

GENUFLEXIONS TO POPE.

When Chamberlain calls on the Pope it is expected that he will, as a matter of courtesy, observe the forms customary on such occasions. Although the audience will probably be in the morning, he will put on full evening dress with white tie. When the visitor enters the Pope's room he bends one knee to the floor. He repeats this action a second and a third time, drawing nearer to the Pope between the genuflexions. He then kisses the Pope's ring. Maybe Chamberlain will omit the ring-kissing, which might be construed as a gesture of allegiance. The genuflexions—or at least if Chamberlain's Unitarian knees are insufficiently agile, a series of profound bows—can hardly be omitted.—William Hickey, in the "Daily Express."

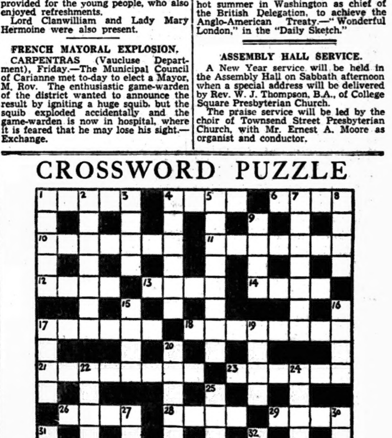
HONOURS LIST.

Secrets of the Honours List have never been more jealously guarded than now. The one line along which speculation has been inevitable, is whether the series of international agreements, of which 1938 has been so fruitful, will find recognition in Monday's list. Apart from the Prime Minister himself, those concerned were chiefly highly-placed Civil Servants. It will not be surprising to find in the list names such as Sir Horace Wilson, Mr. W. Strang, who was so conspicuous in the September crisis, or Mr. Overton, of the Board of Trade, who toiled so assiduously through the hot summer in Washington as chief of the British Delegation, to achieve the Anglo-American Treaty.—"Wonderful London," in the "Daily Sketch."

ASSEMBLY HALL SERVICE.

A New Year service will be held in the Assembly Hall on Sabbath afternoon when a special address will be delivered by Rev. W. J. Thompson, B.A., of College Square Presbyterian Church. The praise service will be led by the choir of Townsend Street Presbyterian Church, with Mr. Ernest A. Moore as organist and conductor.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS.

1. Ravine.
4. Prevalent.
6. Beat.
10. Unlawful.
11. Display.
12. Period of time.
13. Achievement.
14. Receive.
17. Quake.
18. Exasperated.
21. Emergency.
23. Frolic.
26. Over.
28. Welsh emblem.
29. Happy.
33. Stream.
34. Conquer.
35. Neat.
36. Grating.
37. Hazardous.

CLUES DOWN.

1. Dirty.
2. Liberate.
3. Every.
4. Sooner.
5. Transient.
7. Reprimands.
8. Target.
9. Close.
15. Solitary.
16. Image.
17. Row.
19. Ages.
20. Carver.
22. Fearless.
24. Songs.
25. Assisted.
27. Egyptian river.
30. Hinder.
31. Worry.
32. Precious.

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

ACROSS: 1, Ascribe; 9, Material; 10, Tulwar; 11, Dale; 13, Sheen; 14, Anon; 16, Anew; 17, Fettle; 19, Defy; 21, Each; 23, Asps; 27, Tune; 28, Trills; 30, Able; 32, Sure; 33, Tepid; 35, Main; 36, Groups; 37, Reducing; 38, Prelude.

DOWN: 2, Squander; 3, Rowan; 4, Burden; 5, Wane; 6, Lets; 7, Silent; 8, Blunder; 12, Lawn; 15, Efts; 18, Test; 20, Yell; 22, Cast; 24, Intrepid; 25, Stature; 26, Data; 29, Impede; 31, Linger; 32, Stool; 34, Duck; 35, Mind.

ULSTER LINEN REVIEW

Trials And Triumphs Of Disturbing Year

Anglo-U.S.A. Pact Achieved.

NINETEEN hundred and thirty-eight will go down in linen trade annals as an unremunerative and profoundly disturbing year, which witnessed further changes in the linen map of Europe. The repercussions of those political alarms, which began in the spring and reached their climax during that nightmare week in September, had an inevitable effect on linen trade turnover. Amongst other adverse factors which overshadowed the linen industry was the hold-up in U.S.A. buying, due jointly to tariff pact delays and to the Transatlantic industrial depression; low-priced cotton and high-priced flax; virtual withdrawal of Soviet Russia as a flax exporting nation, leading in turn to a scarcity of standard grades of raw material, intensification of the Sino-Japanese conflict; continuation of the long drawn-out Spanish civil war; and growing popularity of the synthetic fabrics, rayon and staple fibre, which are now competing with linen in new fields. Whilst Germany's acquisition of the Sudetenland has freed us from the bugbear of Czech competition in the U.S.A. linen market, it has rendered conditions more difficult for our spinners in the Continental flax market, due to the large purchases of fibre which Germany is forced to make in order to feed her new mills.

The outstanding achievement of 1938, from an Ulster linen aspect, was the ratification of the Anglo-U.S.A. Trade Pact, remarkable for linen duty concessions, for which the Irish Linen Tariff Committee had laboured unceasingly for five years. Counting our other blessings we would record the fine work done by the Linen Industry Research Association and the Irish Linen Guild, and last, but not least, by that recent organisation, the Irish Flax Development Committee, which has already devised original measures to solve our vital raw material problem and rejuvenate a dying Ulster agricultural industry.

Much Enterprise Shown.

MUCH enterprise has been shown during 1938 by firms in all sections of the trade in modernising their equipment and methods and striving to improve their products. Many new designs and finishes have been evolved in Ulster, whereas, on account of unsettled conditions in Europe and Asia, there has been a paucity of new designs in Continental fancy linens, laces, etc., during the year under review. Further efforts have been made within recent months to speed up production and reduce overheads in Ulster mills and factories. A Belfast mill invention, which is now being widely adopted, enables the production of tow drawing frames to be multiplied by roughly six. Further progress has been made in the cutting out of unnecessary processes and rendering machinery more fully automatic, thus keeping abreast of similar mechanical developments in connection with the manufacture of cotton and other rivals of linen. The automatic loom, however, has not made much headway in linen-weaving, due mainly to the lack of elasticity of flax yarn.

A gratifying feature of the year has been the continued steady buying of United Kingdom linen by the British Dominions and Overseas possessions. In the case of linen piece-goods, for example, Australian purchases alone totalled £388,697 in the first eleven months of this year. Corresponding buying by South Africa totalled £229,698, Canada £176,683, British India £120,723, and New Zealand £83,272, while the other British countries (excluding the home market) contributed their very satisfactory quota of £250,857. In the eleven months ended November, 1938, the British possessions purchased damask table linen worth £214,058, handkerchiefs worth £117,455, and substantial quantities of thread, towelling, canvas, etc. While home (U.K.) demand for linen has been estimated at from 40 per cent. to 45 per cent. of production, it is probable that a percentage of this goes to shipping houses, and is included subsequently in the export figures. Nevertheless, the imposition of duties on linen imports into the United Kingdom, which has been in force since 1931, has aided the Irish linen industry to weather the post-war depression. The United Kingdom, with a population of 44,500,000, in a temperate or cool zone uses linen mainly for household needs, but linen furnishing and dress fabrics are becoming increasingly important. United Kingdom imports of foreign linen, in the first eleven months of 1938, totalled only £148,615 as against £240,424 in the corresponding period of 1937.

Eleven Months' Figures.

ANALYSING the latest Board of Trade returns we find that in the first eleven months of this year the United Kingdom imported 35,902 tons of flax (against 34,511 tons), 15,604 tons flax tow codilla (against 15,233 tons), 70 tons of hemp (against 91,683 tons), 6,583 tons hemp tow (against 4,115 tons), 34,946 cwts. flax line and tow yarn worth £167,766 (against 11,851 cwts. worth £63,249), 27,928 cwts. hemp line and tow yarns worth £77,156 (against 24,644 cwts. worth £129,312), and 2,467,000 square yards linen and hemp goods worth £107,345 (against 1,863,000 square yards worth £89,397).

As against these imports the United Kingdom exported 68,542 cwts. of flax and hemp yarns worth £758,243 (against 86,061 cwts. worth £998,799), 47,680,000 square yards linen and hemp goods worth £3,282,490 (against 77,596,000 square yards worth £4,754,405), damask table linen worth £498,043 (against £693,616), and 897,823 dozen handkerchiefs worth £176,708 (against 1,361,458 square yards worth £265,326).

The full statistics for 1938 will not be available until mid-January, but the latest Belfast Harbour returns reveal that in the 52 weeks ended December 27, 1938, Belfast imported 24,244 tons of flax (22,443), 10,644 tons of tow (12,036 tons), 1,945 tons linen yarn (1,752 tons), and 3,934 tons cotton yarn (5,098 tons). In the same period Belfast exported 4,733 tons linen yarn (6,585 tons), 30,293 tons of linen (37,822 tons), and 2,881 tons of thread (2,175 tons). The figures shown in brackets are those for the corresponding period of 1937.

Conditions in the year now ending may be regarded as the seed-bed for probable happenings in 1939. The following brief notes, covering each month in turn, will recall some salient linen events of the year.

January.—Sellers of Soviet flax raised prices of fourth group Slanetz by £2 per ton to £80 in the first week of the year and Rallo tow by £1 to £62-£63 per ton. Latvian Livonian R. then stood at £72-£73; Werro-Petschory Halves at £70-£71, and Lithuanian F. at £59-£61.

Four Ulster linen leaders, namely, Right Hon. J. Milne Barbour, J. Johnston, Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, and Right Hon. H. C. Mulholland, were returned unopposed in Northern Ireland Parliamentary election.

Close of month found fourth Slanetz at £85-£86; Rallo tow at £68; Latvian Livonian at £75-£76; Werro Petschory Halves £73-£74, and Lithuanian £66-£67. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts, 10s 3d per bundle; 40's line wefts at 9s 3d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £568,782, which was £134,979 less than in the previous January. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 32.3 as against 16.3 a year before.

Trade Delegation For U.S.

FEBRUARY. — British Government delegation sailed for U.S.A. to discuss projected reciprocal trade pact. Annual linen show held in New York. Excellent display of Ulster linen at British Industries Fair. Series of five Irish Linen Guild lectures to linen retailers started in London.

Close of month found fourth Slanetz at £85-£86; Rallo tow at £67-£68; Latvian Livonian at £74-£75; Werro Petschory Halves at £73-£74, and Lithuanian at £65-£66. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts, 10s 3d per bundle; 40's line wefts at 9s 3d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £563,782, which was £134,979 less than in the previous February. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 29.9 as against 16.7 a year before.

March.—Ulster spinning mill operatives advanced claim for increased wages and other concessions. Ulster Minister of Agriculture refused to guarantee a minimum price for Irish flax on the grounds that such a measure might cost £400,000. British Treasury raised duty on imported foreign handkerchiefs. Ulster linen manufacturers benefited by U.S.A.-Czecho-Slovak Agreement whereby duties were lowered on linen table damask and napkins (not over 130 threads) and certain cotton cloths.

Close of month found fourth Slanetz at £85-£86; Rallo tow at £66-£67; Latvian Livonian at £73-£74; Werro-Petschory Halves at £71-£72, and Lithuanian at £62-£63. Yarn prices—25's, 10s 3d per bundle; 40's line wefts at 9s 3d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £534,263, which was £219,004 less than in the previous March. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 32.4 as against 16.8 a year before.

Flax Scheme Announced.

APRIL. — This red-letter month for Irish flax growers and scutchers opened inauspiciously with Ulster Farmers' Union advising farmers to boycott the crop owing to lack of Government encouragement. Fifteen days later Mr. J. Milne Barbour announced that the Government of Northern Ireland was prepared to spend up to £150,000, spread over three years, to stimulate flax production in the six counties. Miss Maude Clarke, Belfast damask weaver, chosen as Irish Linen Queen at Belfast Linen Ball, organised by Guild. Anglo-Eire Pact included proviso for scaling down Free State duties on linen piece-goods to 20 per cent. ad. val., linen handkerchiefs to 30 per cent., and linen thread to 40 per cent.

Close of month found Fourth Slanetz at £85-£86, Rallo tow at £67-£68; Latvian Livonian at £72-£73, Werro Petschory Halves at £69-£70, and Lithuanian at £61-£62. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts 10s per bundle, 40's line wefts at 9s.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £436,076, which was £198,451 less than in the previous April. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 33.8 as against 17.3 a year before.

May.—Glasgow Empire Exhibition opened with excellent display of Irish linen. Royal Family praised Ulster linen at British Fabrics Display in London. Soviet Government announced its intention to limit flax exports still further and its programme to produce 281 million metres of linen this year. Minimum wages rate fixed for male mill operatives as result of conference between Flax Spinners' Association and the trade unions. Ulster Parliament rejected Paid Holidays Bill. Irish Linen Queen crowned at City Hall.

Close of month found Fourth Slanetz at £84-£85, Rallo tow at £66-£67, Latvian Livonian at £69-£70, Werro Petschory Halves at £68-£69, and Lithuanian at £59-£60. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts 10s per bundle, 40's line wefts at 9s.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £424,243, which was £171,951 less than in the previous May. Ulster linen industry unemployment rate was 36.5 as against 18.0 a year before.

Linen At Ascot.

JUNE. — Irish Linen Guild held successful linen week at Brighton and Hove. Irish linen dresses on view at Ascot. Memberships of Irish Flax Committee completed.

The close of the month found Fourth Slanetz at £83-£84; Rallo tow at £65-£66; Latvian Livonian at £67-£68; Werro-Petschory Halves at £67-£68; and Lithuanian at £57-£58. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts, 9s 9d; 40's line wefts, 8s 9d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £369,090, which was £431,536 less than in the previous June. The Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 38.4, as against 18.5 a year before.

July.—Irish Flax Committee held inaugural meeting and decided to take advantage of holiday period to investigate latest Continental flax production methods. U.S.A. Linen Trade Association decided to inaugurate "a suitable promotional linen advertising campaign" in the States.

The close of the month found Fourth Slanetz at £86-£87; Rallo tow at £67-£68; Latvian Livonian at £69 10s-£70 10s; Werro-Petschory Halves at £69-£70; and Lithuanian at £60-£61. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts, 10s; 40's line wefts, 8s 9d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £422,065, which was £194,455 less than in the previous July. Ulster linen trade unemployment percentage rate was 58.7, as against 18.2 a year before.

August.—Northern Ireland flax acreage officially forecast at 20,532 acres, as against 19,095 acres in 1937.

The close of the month found Fourth Slanetz at £88-£89; Rallo tow at £68-£69; Latvian Livonian £71 10s-£72 10s; Werro-Petschory at £69-£70; and Lithuanian at £62-£63. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts at 10s; 40's line wefts at 8s 9d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £430,815 which was £227,024 less than in the previous August. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 34.2, as against 18.6 a year before.

Crisis Over Europe.

SEPTEMBER.—German spinners visited Belfast to buy flax machinery. Vital question of war insurance, not to mention critical situation in Europe, made export business almost impossible. Trade stagnated as month drew to its eventful close, the greatest international crisis since 1914.

Close of month found Fourth Slanetz at £89-£90; Rallo tow at £69-£70; Latvian Livonian £72-£73; Werro-Petschory £70-£71, and Lithuanian at £63-£64. Yarn prices: 25's tow wefts at 10s; 40's line wefts at 8s 9d.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £424,219, which was £228,323 less than in the previous September. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 32.2 as against 19.0 a year before.

October.—New Crop Irish changed hands at the first Ballymena flax market of the season at from 8s 9d to 11s per stone. The Guild organised a successful Irish Linen Week at Oxford. Belfast Water Board purchased the R.S.O. linen warehouse in Donegall Square.

Close of month found Fourth Slanetz at £90-£91; Rallo tow at £70-£71; Latvian Livonian £70-£71; Werro-Petschory Halves at £69-£70; and Lithuanian at £62-£63. Yarn prices: 25's tow wefts at 10s 3d per bundle; 40's line wefts at 9s.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £503,122, which was £153,173 less than in the previous October. Ulster linen trade unemployment percentage rate was 23.9 as against 21.9 a year before.

U.S. Linen Duties Cut.

NOVEMBER. — Ulster linen exporters jubilantly welcomed the cuts in linen duties, which were a striking feature of the Anglo-U.S.A. Trade Pact, which was signed at Washington on the 17th. The Irish Flax Development Committee published their interim report.

Close of month found Slanetz £93-£94, Rallo tow at £71, Latvian Livonian at £75-£76, Werro Petschory Halves at £72-£73, and Lithuanian at £66-£67. Yarn prices—25's tow wefts at 10s 3d per bundle, 40's line wefts at 9s.

United Kingdom linen exports for the month totalled £482,062, being £115,682 below those for the previous November. Ulster linen industry unemployment percentage rate was 29.1 as against 27.2 a year before.

December.—The raw material position occasioned further concern, and Ulster spinners operated actively in the Continental flax markets. Some noteworthy yarn and cloth contracts, covering a wide range of goods, were placed immediately before and following the holidays. Values are firming all round, and the trade looks forward to the New Year with quiet optimism. Large quantities of Irish linen will emerge from bond in New York when the Anglo-U.S.A. pact becomes effective on Monday. The year closed with Livonian R. nominally £79, and Fourth Slanetz at £96. Nominal Irish linen yarn values—Sheer warps, 90's to 110's, 7s 4½d; 150's, 8s 6d; cambric warps, 75's to 80's, 7s 4½d; 85's, 7s 6d; 100's, 7s 9d; tow wefts, 12's, 16s 3d; 14's, 14s 3d; 25's, 10s 4½d; 40's, 7s 7½d; line wefts, 40's, 9s; 50's, 8s; 80's to 130's, 6s 9d; 140's, 6s 10½d; and 150's, 7s 1½d—all per bundle.

Linen Obituary In 1938.

DEATH took heavy toll in the linen industry this year, and the trade learned with very deep regret of the demise of Mr. Harold A. M. Barbour, of the Linen Thread Co., on Christmas Eve. The following were amongst those who passed the last frontier in 1938:—

Messrs. Alexander M. Adams, Belfast; E. J. Addy, Belfast; William Anderson, Portadown; H. A. M. Barbour, Lisburn; W. Norman Boase, Leven; George Bonar, Dundee and New York; Henry W. Carson, Knaresborough; Robt. J. Cooper, Belfast; Victor Crawford, Belfast; Gustav Erben, Trautenau; John B. Fallaize, Atlanta, Ga.; John Ferguson, London; Moses J. Freund, New York; B. C. Hobson, New York; Charles F. Horton, Belfast; Phineas Hubbiard, Boston; Louis Janssens, Ghent; John G. Lack, London; E. Leathem, Belfast; J. C. Leeper, Cookstown; R. A. Lian, New York; W. A. Mackenzie, Belfast; John Martin, Bangor; Robert M'Alpine, Drogheda and Dublin; John M'Bratney, New York and Belfast; Alexander M'Cann, New York; Percy M'Cutcheon, sen., Belfast; James MacGeagh, Lurgan; Clifford Morrison, Belfast; Harry J. Patterson, Philadelphia; A. H. T. Roulston, London; William J. Rutherford, Belfast; W. Moir Scott, Dundee; A. N. Thomson, Strathmiglo; Otto V. Tabor, New York, and Robert Withers, J.P., Whiteabbey.

Mr. George Bonar, the Dundee and New York linen magnate, left a fortune of £533,646, despite the fact that he had distributed over £70,000 to various charities a few years before his death. Mr. John Milne Barbour, jun., Hilden, left £408,465; Mr. James G. Crawford, Belfast, left £27,659, and Mr. Alexander W. Clark, D.L., Upperlands, left £25,663.

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DAZZLING CLARITY ON SCREEN.

A new ultra-microscope, which magnifies up to a million times and opens up a new world in the same manner as Van Leeuwenhock's first crude instrument did 200 years ago, was demonstrated on Friday at Richmond, Virginia, by its maker, Dr. Vladimir Zworykin, a well-known research worker in the field of electronics and television, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" New York correspondent.

An audience of several hundred scientists and technicians watched in amazement as the realms of infinitesimal matter, never revealed before even through the most powerful instruments, were projected in dazzling clarity on a screen.

They saw an atom represented as a brilliant circular area of light about an inch in diameter, molecules of gas hurling themselves against the surface of the vessel containing them, and the virus of smallpox, and giant pictures of globular bacteria in a minuteness of detail never before achieved.

The new instrument uses electrons instead of light, a powerful magnetic field takes the place of the optical lens, and a fluorescent screen plays the role of eye-pieces. Thus a large number of people can see the images at the same time instead of having to use individual eye-pieces.

SMALLPOX VIRUS.

The picture of smallpox virus confirmed what had been presumed from the evidence of X-ray studies that it is rod-like in appearance. Bacteria producing common boils, which appear merely as a round speck in the strongest optical microscopes, filled about half a screen eight inches in diameter. It was a large mass with irregular surfaces.

Dr. Zworykin, remarking that the limit of magnification had not been reached, said it might eventually be possible to present to the human eye the actual spectacle of a germ emitting poison into the body, thus causing disease. It was hoped to produce an instrument so powerful that it would produce clear pictures of two objects separated from each other by one 25,000,000th part of an inch.

COW'S MILKY WAY.

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Cherry, an eight-year-old dairy shorthorn cow owned by Messrs. Wort and Way, at Red House Dairy, Amesbury, Wilts, and already a world record breaker for the 24-hour milk yield, has now become the third dairy shorthorn to yield more than 3,000 gallons in a single lactation. In the 257 days since April 7 last she has given 3,004 gallons, which is equal to 13 tons 8 cwts. of milk.

On a basis of a quarter of a pint per head per day, as is the case in London, this is sufficient to feed 375 persons daily. If the cow continues her daily average of 11.6 gallons, or more than 1 cwt. of milk daily, she will become the first cow in the world to yield 4,000 gallons in one year. An average cow does well if she gives from 600 to 800 gallons yearly.

Cherry has no particular pedigree and her history is unknown. She is extremely temperamental and will allow only Farm Manager Alec M'Kie and his son to milk her. She has four daily milkings and six meals, and her daily menu is 28lbs. of dairy cake, 5lbs. of bran, two mangolds, 7lbs. of hay, a quantity of flacked maize and 40 gallons of water. She will not drink a drop of milk herself.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICES

Week-End Radio Entertainments

DERRY CATHEDRAL RELAY

PROGRAMMES TO-DAY.

"VETERANS OF 1938" STUDY.

LOOKING THIRTY YEARS AHEAD.

At 7 p.m. H. G. Fleet will devote his talk in the Ulster Garden series to answering questions regarding technical terms used in gardening.

In the Regional programme, "Veterans of 1938" at 9 o'clock, listeners are invited to imagine that it is New Year's Eve, 1968, and that they are listening, on that day, to a programme of personalities and features of thirty years earlier.

New Year's programmes on the National wavelength start at 9-40 with a Masque, written by Francis Dillon. At 11-30 comes the first part of a New Year's greeting programme, followed by a short service, and at midnight Big Ben ushers in 1939.

NORTHERN IRELAND (307.1 METRES).

5-0—The Children's Hour. 6-0—Regional. 7-0—"The Ulster Garden." H. G. Fleet. 7-20—Northern Ireland News. 7-25—Weather Forecast for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Sports Bulletin.

7-30—All Kinds of Musick. Presented by Raymond Glendenning. 8-0—12-0—As Regional.

NATIONAL (1,500 METRES).

5-10—Hugo Rignold and his Concert Orchestra. 6-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News; Weather Forecast. 6-30—Saturday Talk on Sport. 6-45—Music by Anthony Collins. The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra. 7-30—Stop!!! "In Town To-night." 8-0—Music-hall. 9-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News; Weather Forecast and Forecast for Shipping. 9-25—"American Commentary." Raymond Gram Swing. From America. 9-40—"A Masque for New Year's Eve." By Francis Dillon; production by Francis Dillon. 10-40—The B.B.C. Orchestra (Section E).

11-30—Time Signal, Greenwich. "The New Year" Greeting, 1939, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, including at 11-45 a Watch Night Service from Broadcasting House. 12-15—Close Down.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME (342.1 M.).

5-0—The Children's Hour. 6-0—"Hail and Farewell." Sandy MacPherson at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ, with Ronald Hill, Ivor Dennis and Styx Gibling, say goodbye to 1938. 6-40—Variety. 7-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News Bulletins in French, German and Italian. 7-30—London Regional Sports Bulletin. 7-35—Schubert—4. Songs of 1817-18, sung by Henry Cummings (baritone).

8-0—A Recital. Kathleen Moorhouse (violoncello), Frank Merrick (pianoforte). 9-0—"Veterans of 1938." Devised by Gale Pedrick, and written by Gale Pedrick and Vernon Harris. 10-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News; Weather Forecast; News Talks and Sport. 10-30—Jack Hylton and his Band, with June Malo, Peggy Dell, Doreen Stevens, Maureen Potter. (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 11-30). 11-50—12-0—News and Weather Forecast.

NORTH PROGRAMME (449.1 METRES).

5-0—The Children's Hour. 6-0—Regional. 6-30—Further Familiar Fables. No. 7—"Jingle High Jinks!" Produced by David Porter.

7-0—Spotlight on Sport. Newcastle United v. Sheffield United. An eye-witness account. 7-4—A conversation on Rugby Union, arranged by H. A. Clayton-Greene. 7-16 (app.)—Arsenal v. Huddersfield Town. An eye-witness account. 7-20—Northern Sports Bulletin.

7-30—"Flora's Holiday." A cycle of old English melodies, by H. Lane Wilson. The Northumbrian Quartet. 7-50—"Dance and Duet." The Little Orchestra, with Doris Gambell (soprano) and W. B. MacMillan (tenor).

8-30—"The Shepherds." A radio version of the Wakefield Second Shepherds' play, modernised and arranged by James R. Gregson. Produced by Edward Wilkinson. 9-0—Regional. 10-0—Time Signal, Greenwich. News; Weather Forecast; News Talks and Sport. 10-30—Regional. (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 11-30). 11-50—12-0—News and Weather Forecast.

SCOTTISH PROGRAMME (391.1 M.).

5-0—The Children's Hour. 6-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News; Weather Forecast. 6-15 (app.)—Allan Kennedy at the Organ of the Regal Cinema, Glasgow. 6-30—Scottish Sports News. 6-50—Memories of Old-time Concerts. 7-25—Scottish Programmes Summary and Scottish Announcements. 7-30—Scottish Dance Music. Tim Wright and his Band, with Adam Hogg (bass-baritone). 8-15—"The Week in Scotland." John R. Allan.

8-30—"The Mist of Years." A programme for New Year's Eve. The programme devised and produced by John Gough. 9-0—Regional. 10-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News; Weather Forecast; News Talks and Sport. 10-30—Scottish Sports News. 10-40—Regional. (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 11-30). 11-50—News and Weather Forecast. 12-0—12-15—National.

EIREANN (531 METRES).

5-30—Eileen Stafford's Trio in Light Music. 6-0—Cinniri Eireannach: "Tone agus an Ghaedhealtacht." Mairtin O Flaithbheartaigh. 6-15—Gearoid O Laidhigh in Irish Dance Music on the fiddle. 6-30—Celtic Songs sung to the harp by Christopher Casson. 6-45—News.

7-0—Newcomers' Hour, No. 12. Traditional Music (Section 4), compered by Eric Boden. 8-0—Repeat Performance of "Sinbad the Sailor." A Radio Pantomime by Cusex, presented by Paddy Henry, with Irish Radio Orchestra (conductor, Lieut. J. M. Doyle). 9-0—Sam Mooney (baritone) and T. P. O'Brien (tenor) in popular duets. 9-20—Nuacht an Lae. 9-30—Sponsored programme. 10-30—News. 11-0—"1938 Radio Review," presented by Eric Boden. 12-0—New Year Greetings. Close.

MONDAY'S WIRELESS.

EARLY PROGRAMME SURVEY

NORTHERN IRELAND.

10-15 a.m.—National. 10-30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping. 10-45 till 5 p.m.—As Regional.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME.

10-15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10-30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping. 10-45—"The King's Coat." Lieut.-Colonel B. G. Baker, D.S.O. 11-0—A Ballad Concert. Lilian Keyes (soprano), Arthur G. Rees (baritone). 11-30—An Organ Recital by Arthur Baynon, from St. Margaret's, Westminster. 12-0—Walter Collins and his Light Orchestra. 12-45 p.m.—The City of Bristol Police Band; Glyn Eastman (baritone). 1-40—"War and Peace," by Leo Tolstoy. A serial reading by Eric Gillett.

2-0—Time Signal, Greenwich. Quentin Maclean at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema, Elephant and Castle. 2-30—A Sonata Recital. Peggy Radmall (violin). Peggy Grummitt (pianoforte). 3-0—Arthur Salisbury and his Orchestra from the Savoy Hotel. 3-30—Dance Music on gramophone records. 3-55—Cricket. The Second Test Match. England v. South Africa. A commentary on the closing overs of the day and a summary of the second day's play by E. W. Swanton, from Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town. 4-10—Interval. 4-15—"Simple Facts: Poland." Harold Stannard. 4-30—Gramophone Records. "From Gounod to Milhaud." A survey of recorded French song by Sydney Northcote, D.Mus.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME.

10-15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10-30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping. 10-45—Gramophone Records. 11-15—Light Music from Germany. Barnabas von Geczy and his Orchestra. The Hans Bund Piano Duo from Berlin. 12-0—A Recital. The Laurance Turner String Quartet. 1 p.m.—"How a Book is Made." Hubert Foss. 1-15—The New Hippodrome Orchestra. 2-0—The Clifford Quintet. 2-30—Rob the Rhymer. 2-45—Rhythm on Records. A programme of popular dance music on gramophone records. 3-0—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra: Nora Gruhn (soprano). 4-0—Reginald Dixon at the Organ of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. 4-30—The Afternoon Revue (A Little Teatime Show).

NORTH PROGRAMME.

10-15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10-30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping. 10-45 till 5 p.m.—Regional.

SCOTTISH.

10-15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10-30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping. 10-45—Regional. 2-25 p.m.—Weather Forecast for Scottish Herring Fishermen. 2-30—5-0—Regional.

EIREANN.

1-30 till 3 p.m.—Gramophone Concert.

SUNDAY FEATURES.

WORLD-WIDE GREETINGS.

BELFAST CHARITY APPEAL.

James Denny and George Nash will continue their discussion about "This Symphony Business," on Sunday, at 4 p.m., with illustrations by the B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.

At 6-25 the service from the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, Londonderry, will be broadcast, the address being given by the Right Rev. Joseph Irvine Peacocke, D.D., Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe.

At 8-45 Herbert Quin will appeal in the Week's Good Cause on behalf of the Belfast Hospitals' After-Care Committee.

National programmes include "A Happy New Year" at 6-30, a recorded programme of New Year Greetings from many lands.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will give the address in a New Year's service at 8 o'clock from Lambeth Palace; the B.B.C. Singers, under the direction of Sir Walford Davies, will form the choir.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

9-25 a.m. till 4 p.m.—National. 4-0—"This Symphony Business." 4-30—Regional. 6-0—Time Signal, Greenwich, and News. 6-5—Gramophone Records: Hawaiian Music. 6-20—Interval.

6-25—Service (Church of Ireland) from the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, Londonderry; Address by the Right Rev. Joseph Irvine Peacocke, D.D., Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe; Organist, J. T. Frankland. 7-55—Interval.

8-0—National. 8-45—The Week's Good Cause, an appeal on behalf of the Belfast Hospitals' After-Care Committee by Herbert Quin. 8-50—News, Weather Forecast (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 9-0). 9-5—10-30—Regional.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME.

9-25 a.m.—Service from St. George's Congregational Church, Middlesbrough; Address by the Rev. A. M. Munro. 10-15—Interval.

10-30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping. 10-45—John Reynders with his Orchestra. 11-30—Troise and his Mandoliers with Don Carlos. 12-0—Light Music: Wilfrid Parry (pianoforte). 12-15 p.m.—The Luton Band. 1-0—Gramophone Records.

1-30—"The Negro Sings"—2, a series of programmes of recorded Negro Music. 2-0—"In Your Garden." C. H. Middleton. 2-20—Orchestral Hour: favourite pieces from the repertoire of the B.B.C. Orchestra (Section E). 3-20—Alfredo Campoli and his Salon Orchestra. 4-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; "The Universal Week of Prayer," the Rev. E. Shillito. 4-20—Fred Hartley and his Sextet with Brian Lawrance.

5-0—The Paradoxes of the Gospel (The Sermon on the Mount To-day): 5—Answers to Listeners' Questions, A. D. Lindsay, C.B.E., LL.D., Master of Balliol. 5-20—A Recital: André Asselin (violin), Frank Laffitte (pianoforte). 6-10—"The Cinema": Review of the Year, Andrew Rice.

6-30—"A Happy New Year" a recorded programme of New Year's Greetings from many lands. 6-45—Calling all Dogs: "Down, sir, down!" An experiment in remote control broadcast from New Pond Kennels, Worplesdon. 7-5—The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra: Christmas Holiday Programme. 7-55—Interval.

8-0—A New Year's Service (Church of England) from Lambeth Palace; Address by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

8-45—The Week's Good Cause. 8-50—News, Weather Forecast (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 9-0). 9-5—Terence de Marney as "Gerard" in Charles Reade's famous romance "The Cloister and the Hearth." Part 12—"The End of the Story." 9-35—Sandy Macpherson at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ. 10-0—Tom Jenkins and the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, Orchestra, from the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne. 10-30—Epilogue: New Year's Day (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 11-0) (Shipping Forecast at 11-0).

REGIONAL PROGRAMME.

9-25 a.m.—National. 4 p.m.—Time Signal, Greenwich. Medvedeff's Balalaika Orchestra. A Russian New Year Party. 4-20—"Music of the Week." Sir Adrian Boult, B.B.C. Director of Music. 4-30—For the Children. "The Pilgrim's Progress"—4, by John Bunyan. Adapted and produced by Geoffrey Dearmer. 5-0—Harold Scott: Songs at the piano. 5-20—The B.B.C. Military Band. A programme of Scottish music. 6-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News Bulletins in German, Italian and French. 6-30—Mantovani and his Tipica Orchestra. 7-5—"Frost at Midnight." By D. G. Bridson. (Northern). 7-55—Interval. 8-0—National. 8-45—The Week's Good Cause. 8-50—News; Weather Forecast. (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 9-0). 9-5—Sunday Evening Concert. (Ninth season — 13). Pouishnoff (pianoforte). The B.B.C. Orchestra (Section D.) 10-30—Epilogue.

NORTH PROGRAMME.

9-25 a.m.—Service from St. George's Congregational Church, Middlesbrough. Address by the Rev. A. M. Munro. 10-15—Interval. 10-30 — National. 4-0 — Time Signal, Greenwich. Regional.

5-0—Songs that Father Sang (and Mother, too). Arranged by Arthur Spencer. 5-40—"Long Stockings." Stories about children, by Lorna Wood. 1—"Cousin Dudley." Told by Joan Littlewood. 6-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News. 6-5—Stanley Lawrance and his Quintet. 6-30—Regional.

7-5—"Frost at Midnight." By D. G. Bridson. 7-55—Interval. 8-0 — National. 8-45—The Week's Good Cause. 8-50—News; Weather Forecast. (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 9-0). 9-5—Regional. 10-30—Epilogue.

SCOTTISH.

9-25 a.m.—National. 2 p.m.—"The Twa Dogs," and "The Death and Dying Words of Poor Mailie," by Robert Burns. Read by Tom Smith. 2-20—National. 4-0—Time Signal, Greenwich. Regional. 5-0—Scots Songs. Alexander Carmichael (baritone). The Strings of the B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra. 5-35—Augustus Beddie (reader). 6-0—Time Signal, Greenwich; News. 6-5—Northern programme.

6-30—Service (Church of Scotland) from St. George's (West) Church, Edinburgh. Address by the Right Rev. James Black, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

7-45—Scottish Road Reports. 7-50 — Interval. 8-0—National. 8-45—The Week's Good Cause. 8-50—News; Weather Forecast. (Time Signal, Greenwich, at 9-0). 9-5—Regional. 10-30—Epilogue.

EIREANN.

1-30 till 3 p.m.—Gramophone Concert. 5-30—The Classical Trio. 6-0—Esperanto Talk: "Patrick Sarsfield," by Lorcan o hUiginn. 6-15—New Year Greetings From Many Lands. 6-40—Feallsunacht na nGaedheal o sean-fhoclaibh agus Filiocht. Seamus o Duirinne. 6-55—The Cork Revellers in Variety. 7-10—Rhoda Coghill (piano). 7-25—Nedser Maguire Greets the New Year. 7-40—Carol Service relayed from the North Strand Church, Dublin. 8-15—Question Time. 8-50—Sean Gilligan's Ceilidhe Band. Irish Dance Music. 9-20—Sports Summary. J. L. Brennan. 9-30—Sponsored programme. 10-30—Five Minute Appeal on behalf of Magdalen Asylum, Gloucester Street. Rev. Fr. Aloysius, O.M. Cap. 10-35—News. 10-45—Sean O Ceallachain. Sports Talk. 11-0—Close.

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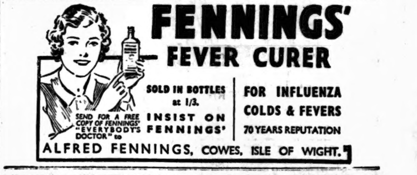

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MEN, BEAR, EAGLES AND WOLVES.

DURING SNOWSTORM IN A WOOD.

A curious fight involving men, wolves, eagles, and a bear has taken place in Lombardy.

Two huntsmen lost in a wood during a snowstorm were attacked by eagles. As they were fighting to protect themselves a bear appeared on the scene. The animal was followed by two wolves.

The eagles turned their attention to the bear and the wolves, and a fierce fight followed. The bear and a wolf were killed, and the hunters, who had stood by watching the struggle, captured an eagle.

Thanks to the arrival of the bear and the wolves, the hunters were saved from what might otherwise have been a dangerous situation.

PROBLEM FOR BRISBANE BOYS.

In "essenshelly tropickle kondishuns," hundreds of Brisbane (Queensland) lads pored over examination papers that possibly contained the most "picturesk" English ever printed.

They were boys sitting during warm weather for the qualifying examination for entry to the telegraph service as messenger boys.

Amongst the tasks set the lads was that of correcting words purposely misspelt. There were some amusing examples which caused many frowns to appear on the youthful faces. There was the sentence, "Oister shells made preshus by there lineing," and the combinations "primaree industrys" and "ficktishus charm."

The sentence, "An anummayted patch of the Orient planted on Australian soil," certainly had little appeal for the lads.

However, the "hazzardus enterprize" eventually came to an end, and the boys left the examinstion building for the playing fields, which they had seen in the "disstense" from the windows.

REVEALED ANCIENT TREASURE.

A clairvoyante employed to aid in excavations at Seres has enriched the Thessalonika (Greece) museum by the addition of a precious collection of prehistoric relics.

Archæological search parties reported repeated failure in their efforts to trace the remains of a third century B.C. site and the help of the clairvoyante was sought.

She directed them to a new spot, and after half an hour's digging they struck a prehistoric cemetery and found valuable golden jewels and a bottle of perfume which still retained some of its original scent.

MYSTERY SHOTS KILL TWO.

A mystery marksman who from a quarter of a mile shot two horsemen clean through the forehead has puzzled the police near Belgrade.

Mustafa Imerovic, a Mayor, and his servant Serif Arifovic, were riding across a plateau, near Podujevo, in South Servia, with the local priest one sunny morning when there was a sudden shot and the Mayor fell from the saddle pierced through the forehead by a bullet.

His bewildered servant surveyed the plateau for assailants, but there was nothing within a quarter of a mile. Straight ahead at that distance there was a cluster of trees.

He faced the trees for a second. Another volley rang out and he too fell dead.

The village priest then galloped away to report the double assassination to the nearest police post.

A subsequent examination revealed that the marksman had been hidden in the cluster of trees.

SENT HIMSELF TO PRISON.

Zhivko Zaritch, sentenced to six years' penal servitude for homicide, escaped from the court prison at Veliko Gradishte (Yugo-Slavia). Search parties were sent out but failed to find him. Late in the evening the Gradishte authorities were informed by the police at Pozharevats, the nearest penitentiary, that Zaritch had called there stating that he was tired of waiting for the formalities of the law and had come direct.—Reuter.

TRACKED THIEF 2,000 MILES.

A native policeman who tracked a cattle thief for 2,000 miles over rugged mountains and flooded rivers has earned the special commendation of the Commissioner of Police and a cash reward of £2 from the Minister of Justice, says a Johannesburg message. He is native Detective-Sergeant W. Nell, stationed in the Transkei Division, and he has been commended for "extraordinary initiative, zeal and ability" in the successful investigation of a stock theft case involving nine head of cattle.

During his investigations he travelled through various parts of the Orange Free State and Basutoland, covering 1,800 miles on horseback and 200 miles on foot. He suffered great hardships through adverse weather conditions, and was severely handicapped by steep and rugged mountains, heavy snow and flooded rivers.

Two and a half months after taking over the case, however, he succeeded in tracing eight of the stolen cattle and in arresting the thief. The thief has been convicted and sentenced to a year's imprisonment and ordered to pay £5 compensation for the animal not recovered.—Reuter.

37 YEARS SERVICE IN PAPUA.

The last of the old pioneers who helped to establish the London Missionary Society in Papua (New Guinea) in the days when raiding and cannibalism were every-day occurrences, has retired.

The Rev. R. L. Turner, who has been a missionary in Papua for 37 years, has left for England, accompanied by his wife. When Mr. Turner first went out to Papua it was possible to travel only by arduous walking through steaming jungle. In those days every native met on the narrow tracks was a possible murderer.

But Mr. Turner has lived to see motor-cars running along shady roads. He has helped to bring peace and enlightenment to Papua and has seen the gradual establishment of wireless communication and an efficient air service. For the last eight years Mr. Turner has been a member of the Legislative Council of Papua, where his intimate knowledge of native matters has been of the greatest value.—Reuter.

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"Opening Bid Error That Cost A Side 1,200 Points"

By "ACE OF SPADES"

I HAVE already described how an onlooker explained the two main principles of commonsense bidding. These were:— (a) Make your opening bid as high as possible—the stronger the hand the higher the bid, and; (b) Don't make an opening bid in a major suit unless holding at least five cards in that suit. The remaining principles of the system are more or less complementary to these. They are:—(c) If your hand is strong enough to do so, always make an opening bid as dealer or second-in-hand; (d) After any strong bid, i.e., any opening bid of "two" or more or any jump response to an opening bid, keep the bidding as low as possible; (e) Be loyal to partner's major suit.

I think these subsidiary principles are worthy of some careful consideration.

An Important Factor.

In having first call the dealer is given an opportunity to take the initiative. This is a most important factor in bidding. The opening bidder can give a lot of information about his hand without much fear of incurring a heavy penalty, because the opponents, not having had an opportunity of exchanging information, can rarely double the call for penalties.

Again, the information given by an opening bid should enable the bidder's partner to gauge fairly accurately whether there is any prospect of game or slam in the hand, and should help to indicate a possible line of defence in the event of the opponent's securing the final contract. Furthermore, the disclosure of strength in the dealer's hand may easily prevent the opposition getting together, and certainly makes it difficult for them to bid to game, particularly if neither of their hands is very strong.

Probably the most important factor to be borne in mind is that the failure to bid discloses weakness and is most discouraging to the dealer's partner, while it is very encouraging to the opponents. I admit that for tactical reasons it is sometimes good policy to conceal strength in the hope that the opponents may get into trouble, or to prevent them from assuming that you always hold a very weak hand when you pass.

Only for Experienced.

However, this is a variation from system, and should never be indulged in except by very experienced players, and even then very infrequently. Indeed the experts more often than not come to grief through their variations.

In a hand played in an International match some time ago the dealer held these cards:—

♠x ♥K x ♦Q J x x x ♣A Q J x x

Both sides were vulnerable, and the dealer's partner held—

♠K Q x x ♥J 9 x x ♦A x ♣K 10 x

In one room the dealer opened the bidding and he and his partner got into a contract of "three no trumps," which was made with ease. In the other room the dealer passed on the first round. The opponent on his left opened the bidding, and ultimately the dealer's partner doubled a part score contract by the opponents.

Proved Expensive.

The dealer, having merely made a simple interference bid, was perfectly satisfied to leave the "double" alone. He wasn't so satisfied when the declarer made his contract. The scoring on the board was over 1,200 points.

It is unlikely that the failure to make an opening bid on such a hand would often prove to be so very expensive. Further, it must be admitted that the dealer's original "pass" was not the only bad bid in the hand described above. Nevertheless, the fact remains that such a loss can easily arise from the dealer's failure to bid on a hand which is strong enough to justify an opening bid.

The reasons for the second of the subsidiary principles should be fairly obvious. Once either player has made a strength-showing bid it is unlikely that the opposition will interfere, and, in order to explore all the possibilities of the hand it is essential that the bidding should be kept as low as possible.

Partner's Major Suit.

Loyalty to partner's major suit is a fairly simple matter when it is remembered that an opening bid in a major suit discloses a five card suit. Holding such a hand as:—

♠A 10 x x x x ♥x x x x ♦x x ♣x

there is no justification for exploring the Spade situation, if the partner has made an opening bid of "one Heart." There are at least nine Hearts in the two hands. If partner holds as many as three Spades, then the Spades will be very useful with Hearts as trumps. Furthermore, if Hearts are trumps the hand containing the greater number of trumps is not likely to be weakened by having to trump early in the play because dummy will be able to trump the minor suits on the second or third rounds if necessary.

If partner has a fairly strong opening bid in his hand "four Hearts" should be a reasonably good contract. For example with:—

♠K x ♥A K x x x ♦K x x ♣x x x

Partner would have a very good chance to make ten tricks. He would almost certainly do so if the opposing Hearts were evenly divided, or if the Ace of Diamonds should lie on his right, or against an opening Diamond lead.

Next week I hope to discuss the requirements for opening bids in this system

DERRY PORT TRADE

TONNAGE DECREASE DURING 1938

DUE TO STORMY WEATHER.

£40,000 DREDGING SCHEME.

Recent stormy weather, which was responsible for several Anchor Line vessels being unable to make their usual call for the discharge of passengers at Moville, has reduced by roughly 30,000 tons the registered tonnage of vessels entering the port of Derry during the present year.

Had it not been for this, the total tonnage instead of showing a slight decrease would have exceeded the figures of 1937.

During the present year the Harbour Board, wisely guided by the Chairman, Mr. R. H. Smyth, D.L., while maintaining all their plant and other property in the highest state of efficiency embarked on a £40,000 dredging scheme for the deepening of the channel of the River Foyle and Lough Foyle.

This scheme, which is being carried out by the Tilbury Dredging & Contracting Co., Ltd., London, will not be completed for several months yet.

When finished, it will enable much larger vessels to enter the port, and should, therefore, do much to add to the prosperity of the city.

The channel, which was previously 18 feet, is being dredged to 20 feet at low water ordinary spring tides, and this will enable vessels with a draught of from 27 to 28 feet to enter at high tides.

During the present year the approximate revenue of the port was £32,000 compared with £32,780 in 1937.

The total registered tonnage of vessels entering the port was approximately 679,850, made up Transatlantic passenger steamers 334,360, home trade 297,116, foreign trade 48,374; compared with a total of 718,032 in 1937, made up Transatlantic passenger steamers 365,176 home trade 302,907, foreign trade 49,949.

Coal imports for 1938 are approximately 166,600 tons compared with 178,030 tons in 1937. Maize imports for 1938 total approximately 68,727 tons, compared with 81,659 tons last year.

The approximate live-stock exports for the current year total 122,240, made up—Cattle 74,820, sheep 41,587, pigs 5,720, horses, etc., 113; compared with a total of 132,347 in 1937 made up—Cattle 88,230, sheep 36,406, pigs 7,651, and horses, etc., 60.

Sheep, it will be noted, show a substantial increase, and the falling off in cattle exports was due to the lack of grazing across the Channel owing to the drought in the early spring of this year.

Three Spanish vessels, the Gorbea-Merdi, Atalaya, and Serantes have for the past 16 months been lying at Derry under arrest by the Admiralty Marshal.

DERRY NEW YEAR DANCE.

LOCAL HOSPITAL WILL BENEFIT.

As in former years the annual New Year's dance, organised by the Derry Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital at the Guildhall, Derry, on Friday night, proved a gratifying success, and the funds of the institution, which does admirable work in the North-West district, will benefit considerably as a result of the function.

Upwards of 700 people drawn from a wide area, including County Donegal, which is also well served by the hospital, were in attendance.

The spacious Assembly Hall was tastefully decorated on an elaborate scale, the decorative scheme being carried out by the well-known firm of florists, Messrs. James M'Corkell, Waterloo Place.

Excellent arrangements for the organisation of the dance were made by an energetic committee, in which Mrs. D. C. Osborne, Mrs. J. H. Welch, Miss Kathleen Watson, and Messrs. Ross Murdoch, James Blair, and S. S. Dowds were indefatigable workers.

A contributory feature to the success of the function was the splendid manner in which the catering arrangements were carried out by a band of ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Knox (Ardnaloc). Capable assistance was rendered by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. M'Connellogue.

The duties of M.C.'s were carried out by District-Inspector Wm. Lynn, R.U.C., and Messrs. F. Glass, LL.B., and James Blair.

The committee are deeply appreciative of the valuable assistance rendered in various capacities by members of the local Rotary Club and the Round Table.

A delightful programme of music was rendered by Mr. Fred Robinson and his Melville Dance Band.

D.W.D. Whiskey—the wise man's choice.
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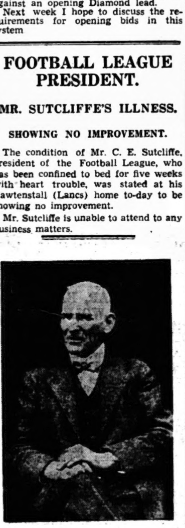
FOOTBALL LEAGUE PRESIDENT.

MR. SUTCLIFFE'S ILLNESS.

SHOWING NO IMPROVEMENT.

The condition of Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, president of the Football League, who has been confined to bed for five weeks with heart trouble, was stated at his Rawtenstall (Lancs) home to-day to be showing no improvement.

Mr. Sutcliffe is unable to attend to any business matters.



MR. ROBERT H. SMYTH, D.L., Chairman of Derry Harbour Commissioners, one of the retiring members who were yesterday re-elected for a further period of three years.

DERRY HARBOUR BOARD.

RETIRING MEMBERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. Robert H. Smyth, D.L., chairman; Sir Basil M'Farland, Bart.; Messrs. James Ballantine, Thomas F. Cooke and J. Humphrey M'Connell retiring members of Derry Harbour Commissioners, were on Friday re-elected for a further period of three years.

The following were elected hon. auditors:—Messrs. J. D. Corbett, J.P.; Robert C. Mitchell and Mr. James Malseed, J.P. (in the room of Mr. John A. Crockett, who is a Commissioner).

VOLUNTARY PENSIONS.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY.

Those who intend taking advantage of the Special Voluntary Contributors' Pension Scheme should note that applications must be in the hands of the Ministry of Labour on Monday next, January 2.

This will be the last date on which those over forty years of age will have the opportunity of participating in its benefits.

Applications will be received either at the headquarters of the Ministry at Stormont, or any Labour Exchange.

VETERAN COUNSEL'S DEATH

ONE OF THE FAMOUS "BIG FOUR."

Mr. Frederick Ffolliott Denning, K.C., who in 1918 served as acting Recorder of Belfast, died on Friday in the Royal City of Dublin Hospital.

He was one of the "famous four" of the Dublin Four Courts—James Chambers (father of Mr. J. Desmond Chambers, K.C., of the Ulster Bar); Mr. (afterwards Sir) Denis Henry (first Lord Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Northern Ireland); Mr. J. R. Patchell, and Mr. Frederick Denning, and he was the last survivor of the four.

He was the fifth son of the late Mr. Frederick Benson Denning, manager of the Tullamore branch of the Bank of Ireland. Born in 1863, he was called to the Bar in 1884, and for many years was father of the Connaught Circuit. He took silk in 1914, and was elected a Bencher of King's Inns in 1924.

Since the setting up of the Free State Courts his work was confined to Dublin. An expert in insurance law, he was retained continually by the large insurance companies in connection with fire arbitrations, and he was standing senior counsel to the Great Northern Railway Co., Ireland.

He is survived by his brother, Master James A. Denning.

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WITH BOY SCOUTS.

CLOSE OF MEMORABLE YEAR.

SCHOOLBOYS' EXHIBITION.

DERRY PARTY IN BELFAST.

To-day closes yet another memorable and inspiring year for the Scout Movement. Memorable, because of the development and widespread goodwill as exhibited in the successive Jamborees in Sweden, Luxembourg, Latvia, Lithuania, France and Australia. Inspiring, through the exhibition of national steadfastness in which Scouts shared during the crisis—giving renewed confidence in British character and justifying the importance which Scouts attach to character training. In the year ahead it is hoped that the unrest so prevalent throughout the world will be successfully overcome by the statesmen who are working unceasingly towards that end. A closer and better bond of mutual understanding and sympathy amongst nations is what is wanted to chase away the terrible storm-clouds, and Scouts are proud of the fact that their organisation, as one of the greatest peace movements the world has ever known, has been quietly and continuously spreading world friendship for many years.

OVER 50 SCOUT COUNTRIES.

Over fifty countries (the British Empire counted as one) now claim membership of the International Scout Bureau, and though it is to be regretted that totalitarian States have seen fit to abolish voluntary Scouting in favour of their own State-controlled youth organisations, there is an immense amount of good being done by Scouting's interchange of visits with the other foreign countries whose vision is not blurred by extreme nationalism. Visits that promote understanding and friendships between the youth of the nations must leave lasting impressions that cannot fail to effect world affairs of future years.

Ulster Scouts should strive to make 1939 a year of continued good progress. Membership can still be improved upon, and a higher standard of Scouting proficiency is possible for many. Nothing delights the Chief Scout more than First Class Scouts and King's Scouts. It means hard work, and only the keenest of Scouts can climb step by step to this pinnacle of perfection. But the successful completion of the tests is worth every effort involved, and it would indeed be a wonderful achievement if Ulster could gain more First Class and King's Scout Badges than any other comparable area in the British Isles. Get to it, Ulster Scouts, and set an example that other Scouts will be glad to follow.

DRIVE FOR THRIFT.

The Ninth Scout Law will shortly be the subject of a great drive to help Scouts to fully appreciate the meaning of thrift, and to make easy for them the difficult problem of saving something, even a little, every week. A savings organisation, in conjunction with the Ulster Scout Headquarters, is to circularise every Scout Troop, explaining a savings scheme that will simplify the work of Scouters, with the additional security of the organisation's sound financial backing. The importance of this Thrift Law in Scouting is often emphasised by the Chief Scout. Thrift, of course, to "B.P." does not imply merely miserliness with money, but rather a sound conception of its worth and the need to have something for a rainy day. Carefulness with clothes, with personal belongings, with Troop equipment, and with the property of others, all come within the Chief's idea of thrift, and to this end he included a Thrift Test in Scout proficiency.

THE SOAP-BOX DERBY.

One of the big attractions at the Schoolboys' Exhibition which opens to-day in London will be the two large stands of the Boy Scouts' Association. In one stand Sea Scouts work on a kayak building, and Scouts of the 13th Sydenham (London) Troop construct the model car they have entered for the National Scout Speedster Championships. Captain Eyston, John Cobb, and other famous racing drivers have promised to visit the Scout stands. Scouts everywhere in Great Britain are getting busy on the building of their Troop cars for entry in the great National Scout Speedster Championships (the Soap-box Derby), for which the Sydenham boys are constructing their car at the Exhibition. Every Group in the British Isles can enter, but there is as yet no news of an entry from Northern Ireland or Eire. The cars must be built by Scouts to certain specification, foot propelled, and no car may cost more than 50 shillings to build. Semi-finals will be held at London, Manchester, Bristol, Glasgow, Brooklands, and Donington, subject to sufficient entries in each area. The final will be held in June next year at Donington. For the last five years the thrills of the Soap-box Derby have drawn hundreds of entries and thousands of spectators to Akron, Ohio, U.S.A., and the idea has captured the imagination of British Scouts. The Scout who puts up the best time in the final will obtain as part of his prize a free trip to America, and his Troop will also be awarded valuable Troop equipment.

"THE IRISH SCOUT."

The Winter Number of the "Irish Scout," the official organ of the Boy Scouts of Eire, is a most useful and instructive production that Scouters in the North should encourage their boys to read. It is a nicely-balanced magazine containing specialist articles by experienced Scouters, with an inspiring foreword by Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., H.M.L., M.V.O., Chief Commissioner for Eire. Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers have each their own particular sections, and as well as a fascinating contribution for stamp collectors there is news, notes and ideas from different parts of Ireland, including the North. The editor of the magazine, Mr. G. S. Childs, District Commissioner, County Wicklow, hopes to widen his paper's usefulness with the inclusion of a good localised section for Ulster, but he can only achieve this objective if Scouts here will rally to his support. When it is remembered that Ulster does not possess a similar journal, Mr. Childs' scheme for an all-Ireland "Scout" should receive sympathetic approval of Ulster officers and Scouts. The subscription is only one shilling per annum, post free, and should be addressed to 20 Farney Park, Sandymount, Dublin.

THE 22ND GROUP'S BUSY XMAS.

The 22nd Group had a busy time at Christmas. For some weeks previously the Cubs were collecting toys, and as a result of their efforts they were able to hand over a considerable number of toys to the B.B.C. for distribution to poor children. On Boxing Day the Scouts entertained the 1st Londonderry Troop, the Scoutmaster of which, Rev. H. A. M'Kegney, is well known in East Belfast, where he was a very successful and energetic Scouter for some years. The 22nd boys met their Derry friends at the railway station and accompanied them to Ormeau Park, where a football match was played, afterwards entertaining them to dinner. In the afternoon a tour of the city was made, followed by tea in a city restaurant. A large party gave the Derry boys a hearty send-off at the railway station. At the Scouts' Own Service on Christmas Day, there was a record attendance, at which an interesting and appropriate address was given by Mr. M'Manus.

Rover Scouts will remember that the closing date for applications for places in the Ulster contingent to the World Rover Scout Moot in Scotland in July, 1939, is January 10.

TEACHERS' TOPICS.

STANDARDISED BOOKS PROPOSAL

FAILS TO FIND APPROVAL.

NEWRY MAN'S RESOLUTION PASSED

A resolution that the text books on certain subjects in public elementary schools should be standardised was submitted by Mr. W. Crawford, M.A., Derry, at the resumed Northern Conference of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, held in the Central Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast, to-day, Mr. P. M'Givern, B.A. (chairman) presiding.

Speaking to the resolution, Mr. Crawford said he put that motion down in the interests of educational efficiency and uniformity. He contended that there should be standard books for constructive English, geography, arithmetic, composition, algebra, and geometry.

He suggested that the Ministry appoint a number of teachers from different types of elementary schools to select suitable books, or to submit what they would consider essentials for books for the different standards in each subject. Then a conference, consisting of representatives of the Ministry, the inspectors and teachers, should be held to discuss the deliberations of the Teachers' Committee.

The publication of these books should be under the control of the Teachers' Committee and the chief inspector, and the publisher should be subsidised by the Government so that the price to the pupils should be as low as possible.

Mr. F. M'Bride (Omagh), seconding, expressed the opinion that the books should be written by some practical teachers.

A number of delegates opposed the resolution, one member stating that if standardisation were to be applied to literature and the arts it would be fatal.

The resolution was defeated.

FREE BOOKS DISCUSSION.

Mr. A. Martin (Newry) proposed a resolution reiterating their demand that the pupils in public elementary schools in Northern Ireland be supplied free of charge with all the necessary books and requisites. He said that resolution had been submitted for a number of years in succession. It was essentially a question of justice to the child. It could not be described as a teachers' grievance, it concerned everybody interested in education in Northern Ireland.

Parliament, he said, had passed an Act authorising regional committees to provide free books and requisites, and therefore they must assume that the Government intended that provision should be made for this necessary public service. They had waited patiently for years, but they found that the regional education committees seemed to ignore the intention and wishes of Parliament, and so the time had come when attention should be drawn to this matter.

From the latest official figures available he culled the following regarding free books and requisites for the year ending March 31 last:—Londonderry Regional Education Committee expended £125, Ballymena spent £12, Lisburn £8, North Antrim £8, Coleraine £96, Limavady £38, Magherafelt £140, Dungannon £42. The other committees in the Province were not reported as having spent any money on this necessary service with the exception of Belfast Borough. Belfast spent £2,563 on a total of 65,365 pupils, or an average of 9¾d for each pupil on the rolls.

Mr. O'Clery Clarke (Killyleagh) who seconded the resolution, said that in County Down they had spent £15,000 for the last two years on free books.

Mr. F. J. Lynham (South Derry) spoke in support of the motion.

Miss E. Noble (Belfast) thought that what they had done in Belfast had not been nearly sufficient. Some people in Northern Ireland talked of how cheaply education was run, but she was of opinion that they could not run education cheaply if it was going to be run efficiently. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. T. O'Neill (Enniskillen) thought they were approaching the subject from a wrong angle. Why, he asked, should the teachers be advocating free books for the pupils? It was the parents who should be advocating it.

The resolution was adopted.

THE SCHOOL LEAVING AGE.

A resolution urging the Government, when framing the regulations in connection with the raising of the school-leaving age, to adopt the policy of granting new exemptions from school attendance to pupils under 15 was proposed by Miss Noble (Belfast). She congratulated the Government on raising the school-leaving age. She said there were a lot of loopholes in the clauses of the Act and they should try to get them stopped.

Mr. J. Mercer (Belfast), seconding, expressed the opinion that they were going to have exemptions on a bigger scale than they had across the water. He did not see any hope of any amendments to the Act in the near future.

Mr. F. J. Lynham (South Derry) supported the motion, which was adopted.

A resolution was submitted by Mr. P. Looney (Lurgan) advocating that the compulsory school age be lowered from six to five years.

He said the Ministry's officials still seemed to insist on a child being in the first standard at the age of seven. He held that that was not possible in the case of children coming to school at the age of six. If the children were to be in the first standard at the age of seven they must get them at the age of five. He maintained that a child starting to go to school at the age of six could not complete the full infants' programme in one year.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. P. Looney (Lurgan) proposed a resolution that teachers should not pay pension premiums for any period over 40 years.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson (Belfast) and adopted.

CONVENT SCHOOLS.

Mr. T. Jamison (Belfast) moved a resolution that all past service of teachers in convent schools be recognised as pensionable. He said there were very few of those teachers, and they were only asking a small concession.

Mr. M'Cavanagh (Belfast) seconded the motion and it was passed.

A resolution was also moved by Mr. Jamison to the effect that the maximum salary of untrained teachers who had been appointed subsequently to April 1, 1905, and who were rendering efficient service, should be substantially increased.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Carville, who said it was only asking for elementary justice for people who were unable to fight their own case. He alleged that the Ministry was taking an unfair advantage of these people.

TRAINED, BUT UNEMPLOYED.

It was proposed by Mr. Simpson (Belfast) that all trained teachers on leaving college be placed on a list of "non-attached" teachers, who should be paid the initial salary and be provided with suitable employment until such time as they were appointed to permanent situations.

That all teachers who successfully completed their training college course be regarded as qualified to teach any standard in a P.E. school, and requesting managers and education authorities, when making appointments from the ranks of the unemployed teachers, to take into consideration the length of time that had elapsed since the completion of the training course.

Mr. Simpson said that the resolution originated at a meeting of the unemployed teachers, which was convened by the Belfast Branch about two months ago. The trained teachers present informed them that some students who were trained four and, in some cases, five years ago were still unemployed and some of them had been forced into other lines of life. The Ministry of Education had informed them that they required 100 "floating teachers" to take places as subs. of teachers who were absent from duty from time to time. The teachers did not deny the necessity for that, but they asserted that if substitutes were required they should have regular pay and that there was no need for those teachers to be idle for a single day. They could be employed in relieving some of their overworked teachers in industrial areas.

Mr. D. V. M'Caughan (Belfast), seconding, said there was only one class in the community that was on a par with the unemployed teachers—that was the unemployed labourer.

Votes of thanks to the Press and to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL DANCE.

More than 600 people attended Ballyholme Yacht Club Annual Dance at Caproni's on Friday evening and enjoyed thoroughly the entertaining programme arranged by Mr. John S. Paton, the energetic hon. secretary of the club.

An elaborate scheme of decorations was much admired, the ballroom being festooned with balloons of all colours, upon the release of which there was a merry scramble and a fusillade of explosions, giving the suggestion of a miniature air raid.

The dance programme was well varied. A novel feature was a lantern dance, in which the ladies carried tiny Chinese lanterns, the effect being most spectacular.

Mr. Jack Austin ran a competition in aid of the funds of the Donaghadee branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and £14 was realised for that excellent object.

The prizes were distributed by the Mayoress of Bangor, who was accompanied by the Mayor (Alderman Dr. R. M. Bowman, J.P.).

NEW YEAR'S EVE WEATHER.

SNOW SHOWERS AND FROST.

Following showers during Friday the temperature in Northern Ireland generally fell, and in Antrim and Down snow showers were experienced between ten and twelve o'clock. In some areas snow lay to the depth of an inch.

Frost followed and footpaths and roads were treacherous this morning, but with a clear sky and sunshine later the snow and ice disappeared.

At the Aldergrove weather station air temperature (four feet above ground) fell to 32 degrees and on the ground to 25 degrees.

The forecast for to-night is that conditions will be milder.

Cross-channel boat services had good passages and those to Belfast arrived up to scheduled time this morning.

"SEEING EYE" DOGS FREE.

Dogs doing duty as eyes for blind travellers are to be carried free on all Canadian Pacific liners crossing the Atlantic from now on. This comes as a New Year gift concession to blind travellers just announced by the company.

KING'S HALL CROWD ENTHUSIASTIC.

ALL-ACTION WRESTLING.

THEIR IDEA OF ENJOYMENT.

GOT FULL VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY

Scenes of unbounded enthusiasm were seen at the King's Hall, Balmoral, again last evening, when Mr. Nat Joseph offered the public another all-action wrestling programme.

The highlight of the bill was again the team wrestling, which proves a tremendous draw.

The teams last evening were George de Rel (Leeds) and Pat Magee (the popular beared Irishman), who opposed Hall Fuller and Norman Morrell, both from Manchester.

Right from the start this was quite a ding-dong affair, and fortunately for Magee his beard did not figure in the proceedings to quite the same degree as on his last appearance.

Magee and de Rel had the upper hand in a very short while and had the ring to themselves, having dropped the other two overboard.

With vigour unimpaired, however, Fuller and Morrell came back to exact revenge and did a great deal of damage indeed.

THE REFEREE AS WRESTLER.

The referee figured very largely in the contest, and probably did more wrestling than any of the four stars.

He received his share of punishment, too, as he seemed to be regarded in an inimical light by Fuller and Morrell. These latter, however, sustained a set back when Fuller found himself counted out after being subjected to a Shanghai shuffle.

A point to the bad, Fuller and Morrell resumed the bout armed with sawdust. This commodity tucked in the top of their trunks proved very effective and was vigorously applied by Morrell to Magee's beard.

Magee and de Rel fared badly during this round and Morrell and Fuller finally managed to claim a fall—both "going to town" on Magee. This left de Rel to wrestle the two men alone but the crowd didn't seem to approve of this and Magee was cajoled back into action.

The were some fine moments in the contest when a few new grips were introduced and towards the finish it became quite hectic.

At one juncture Morrell decided that a use might be found for a bell and reaching over the timekeeper's table seized it. It was rather heavy, however, and he did not succeed in killing anyone with his throw.

DOUBLE RUN, BUMP AND FLOP.

The end came in traditional style when the double run, bump, and flop won the contest for Magee and de Rel.

It might be explained that this intricate manœuvre consists of both the individual losers being picked up bodily, one by each opponent.

The aforesaid apponents then walk a very far distance indeed apart and arrange to meetat speed in the centre of the ring—cute enough.

The point, of course, is that when they do meet, each man is using one of his opponents as a bumper bar.

The collision having taken place, the two friends let their respective burdens drop with suddenness to the floor.

The contest ended, Magee was leaving the ring attired in his dressing gown, and just as he bent down to go under the ropes, Morrell kicked him, and the last seen of these two contestants was a chase to the wrestlers' sanctum sanctorum.

The Mike De Mitre v. Billy Kohnke contest was a fine match, with all the rules observed, and after a grand display De Mitre won in the tenth round.

Eddie Jackson retired with an arm injury in his match with Bonny Allan Muir.

Tommy Nelson (Belfast) v. Heinne Stack (Germany) proved to be very tough, and after quite a vicious affray, the former won.

COTTON AND U.S.A. TOUR.

STILL WAITING FOR THE GUARANTEE

Unless Henry Cotton is given a guarantee for the sum he requires—£2,000 free of expenses and tax—he will not undertake the proposed five weeks' tour of the United States early in 1939.

"I have received a letter assuring me that the amount I want will be easy to obtain in gatemoney if I make the tour," Cotton told a reporter. "That is not good enough. If the people who are so anxious for me to go to America are certain that the money can be obtained, they should not find it difficult to give me a guarantee, and if that is not forthcoming, then the trip is off."

Cotton added that he had accepted an engagement in Glasgow for the week beginning January 30 for the stage show which had run for a fortnight at the Coliseum in London recently.

DUKE OF WINDSOR CUP.

NICE, Friday.—The Duke of Windsor has presented a challenge cup for a mixed foursome stroke competition, to be played on the Parc St. Veron course at Cagnes-sur-Mer, near here, in about a fortnight's time.—Reuter.

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FOURTH IN SUCCESSION.

HASSETT 211 AND UNBEATEN.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.—A. L. Hassett took his overnight score of 151 to 211 not out for Victoria against South Australia here to-day. He was missed at 183, but gave no other chance in an innings which included 17 fours.

When South Australia batted Bradman reached his fourth successive century in first-class cricket this season, after being missed when six. Shortly before he was out he suffered a strained leg muscle, but it is believed not to be serious. Bradman's 107 was hit up at a rate of a run a minute. He hit nine 4's.

VICTORIA (first innings)—499 (R. Gregory 71, A. L. Hassett not out 211, F. Sides, 44, B. A. Barnett 50, D. Ring 51, L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith 43; F. Ward four for 125, M. G. Waite three for 123.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 240 for four (R. Whittington 100, D. G. Bradman 107).—Press Association Special.

FINE WICKET-KEEPING.

SYDNEY, Saturday. — New South Wales, Sheffield Shield holders, met Queensland to-day in the first game to be played on the new Sydney wicket. D. Tallon, the Queensland wicket-keeper, had a share in taking four of the first five New South Wales wickets. The home side were dismissed for 214, Tallon catching five batsmen and stumping another.

As the innings progressed ridges developed in the wicket, causing occasionally "bumpers" and "shooters." In the circumstances the New South Wales total was fairly creditable.

New South Wales 214 (Dixon four for 61, Ellis three for 42, Christ three for 60).

Queensland—18 for one. Bad light caused stumps to be drawn.—Press Association Special.

SPIDER KELLY AND TITLES.

FORAN MATCH PLANS COLLAPSE.

The largest purse ever offered for a title fight in Ireland has been bid by Mr. Nat Joseph, the Belfast promoter, in an unsuccessful effort to secure a King's Hall fifteen 3-minute rounder at 9 stone between Spider Kelly (Derry), British and Empire featherweight champion, and Ginger Foran (Liverpool).

Negotiations broke down yesterday over the rivals' failure to reach agreement as to the division of the purse. In "Ireland's Saturday Night" this evening "The Timekeeper" gives exclusive information on the subject.

Yacht Club Dance

GUESTS WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL DANCE OF BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB, IN CAPRONI'S, BANGOR.

The London Diary of an Ulsterwoman

A HAPPY New Year to you all. Not many of us, I imagine, will regret the passing of 1938; it has been an anxious year, full of sound and fury, and none of us could escape from the tension and the uncertainty of it. So let us bid it adieu without any sentiment, without any sadness, and welcome 1939, hoping it will bring world-wide peace and a greater realisation of the fact that in one way or another each of us is dependent on the other, and that each of us has a duty to perform to the other.

Teachers' Conference.

The New Year is traditionally a time of conferences. One which has an especial interest for women is that of the National Union of Women Teachers, which opens at Eastbourne on Monday. I have had a look at the motions to be discussed; they embrace a variety of topics, and though they are approached from a feminist standpoint, they are of interest to those to whom feminism even in these days may be something abhorrent. One motion recalls to my mind a discussion I had some years ago with the late Lady Kennedy, of Cultra Manor. It is—"That this Conference is strongly of the opinion that the time is long overdue for the admission of women into the diplomatic service." How Lady Kennedy would have hated that, would have shuddered at the thought of women becoming members of the diplomatic service! Her husband, the late Sir Robert Kennedy, had been a noted diplomat; she had travelled far with him in the course of his duties, and perhaps it was because she had noted how difficult a career it is, and how successfully he had served it, that she feared a member of her own sex would not have met with anything like the same measure of success. Still different times, different conditions, and probably a large number of men and women would agree with the motion that the teachers will propose, though equally probably there will always be some who hold that the one activity in which women can most usefully be engaged is domestic work.

Should Marriage End Woman's Career?

The Conference will uphold the opinion that marriage should not automatically end a woman's career. This is perhaps one of the most debated subjects of the day; women with progressive views say the marriage bar is an infringement on the rights of women, and should not be tolerated, yet women themselves are often the greatest opponents of relaxing the rule by which women must resign their posts on marriage. Recent correspondence in the "Belfast Telegraph" showed how easy it is to arouse the passions on this topic, and I do not propose to say anything more than to suggest that if marriage gives a woman a greater understanding and sympathy, then surely in the teaching profession, where those qualities are especially needed, the married woman should be able to fill an important place.

I do not know whether there are any women police in Northern Ireland or not; in London there is a fair number, and no longer are they the object of wonder or amusement; they are regarded as a necessary part of the force. Nor is it easy to become a member of this exalted body; the qualifications necessary are high, so high that many would-be applicants are deterred from attempting to join. The women teachers while welcoming the increase in the establishment of women police in London would like to see a speeding up of the appointment of women police in the many areas where the number of such is still totally inadequate. Possibly the Six Counties might be one of those areas. Certainly it is in need of more nursery schools, and presumably will agree with the motion to be discussed at Eastbourne, urging the Board of Education to make a special grant to all local education authorities for the setting up and equipment of nursery schools.

Women Farmers.

Many women are wondering how best they can serve their country in time of national emergency. When I was last in Belfast I heard several of them say they would like to help but they did not know how they could be most useful. In an agricultural community like Northern Ireland there are women who know how to work on the land, and such women will be welcomed by the Women's Farm and Garden Association, who invite them to volunteer for work on food production. The association has opened a register of those who are willing to be trained, have trained, or would give training.

I was talking the other day to Dr. Cunnington, who has in his home at Finchley, a wing in which he keeps dresses, hats, etc., worn by women in by-gone days. Some of these were seen by the many Ulster visitors to the Glasgow Exhibition where they were shown. Dr. Cunnington is the only man in the Kingdom whose hobby is the collection of dresses of the past, and although he has many hundreds of them he is anxious to add to the number. He is also anxious to add to his collection of photographs of women and girls of earlier days; he regrets he has not many showing what women looked like when they first did men's work during the war years, and curiously enough, not many of the woman of to-day showing the clothes she wears.

Fashion In Photography.

The fashion in photography now is to take the face and shoulders of a woman, and the result is that in a few years' time there will be no record of what the modern woman looks like in her clothes. Revivals in fashion are never actual replicas, and there is a historical and character value to be had from knowing what clothes were fashionable in a certain age. According to this collector clothes can be read like inscriptions, and it is a pity if those who come after us will not be given the means of reading them. To-day there is no difference between the clothes worn by a villager in Northern Ireland and those by a Bond Street shopper, and because of this standardisation, it would be interesting to keep alive records of the days when there was more individuality as well as of the days when occupations had their distinctive garb.

SMART STAR MOTIFS.

Stars are a favourite motif for the decoration of smart lingerie.

They look particularly attractive in the form of a satin applique embroidered on a fabric with a matt surface.

A lovely example is that of a set of vest and panties made of pale blue chiffon. Double rows of self-frills, and groups of stars appear at the sides of the legs and the top of the bodice. The stars are cut out of blue satin and pin-stitched in place with fine blue silk.

CHOCOLATE TO DRINK.

Among the "soft" drinks of the season hot chocolate is becoming more and more popular.

It is quite simple to make, and people who like it at all find it particularly delicious when a large amount of powdered chocolate—at least two heaped tablespoonfuls to half a pint of liquid—is thoroughly mixed with hot milk and well whisked.

Then whipped cream is floated on the top and a glace violet or a rose leaf is added for decoration.

Smart . . . .
Simplicity

Expressed in this Frock of Brown Cloqué with belt of Yellow Suede

In the Linen Cupboard

By MURIEL RAPSON.

BED linen is extremely decorative to-day—not as heretofore by reason of its exotic colour, but rather because of the beauty of its decoration.

Pale colours are more often seen than the deeper shades, and white, decorated with a colour, is coming into its own again.

Embroidery in a deeper colour is a favourite decoration, and we see pale pink sheets hemstitched in a much darker shade, and having a design of large spots also embroidered in this deeper colour, or perhaps the only decoration will be a single initial embroidered in the centre of the "turnover" of the sheet.

Fern Motif.

Some attractive sheets are made of white linen, and they have a design of feathery fern-fronds embroidered in lettuce-green along the top. The edge is cut in deep scallops which are turned under and button-holed in place in the same green thread.

A coloured floral design, composed of many tiny flowers all in different, rather bright colours, makes a pleasing finish to the top of a white sheet.

Pastel coloured linen sheets are also trimmed with satin applique designs and matching embroidery is mingled with them. This idea is particularly attractive when satin to match the linen is chosen.

Pillows Decorated Too.

In every instance, pillowslips are made to match, the decoration on the pillows being very sparingly placed, however, and generally confined to the corners.

Deep cream, or very pale coffee-coloured sheets, are new and "kind" to early morning faces. They are generally very simply trimmed with corded hems, or with a little handwork in a deeper shade—sometimes in brown thread.

For the dining-room, some of the smartest linen is white this season, and here, too, embroidery is much seen.

Embroidered Table Mats.

A set of mats and small napkins in white linen is trimmed with eyelet embroidery worked in several rows around the edges.

White linen is also trimmed with organdie, and we see sets of square mats which have hems of white organdie, mitred at the corners, and decorated with a single floral spray, or a feather, or fern-frond in one corner worked in white stitchery.

Round mats are also trimmed with rows of hand-drawn beading criss-crossed around the border, so that a square piece of plain linen is left in the centre of the mat. In fact, many sets, whether round, square or rectangular, are trimmed with rows and rows of hand-worked beading.

Lace Tasteful As Ever.

Some dainty mats of fine, white linen are edged with lace, the square ones having a double row of beading worked just inside the lace border.

Table cloths are often of heavy white or pale pastel damask with the design picked out in slimming rayon threads.

For tea time there are some dainty cloths in white organdie, trimmed with white embroidery, or pastel-coloured organdie decorated with self-appliques.

CLOTHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Evelyn Laye Gives Good Advice

THERE is nothing half-hearted about the clothes which are coming in with the New Year. The recent cold spell has given a stimulus to dress-designers, and all the new models are uncompromisingly warm. Quite the cosiest thing I have seen is a coat of soft angora material with a hood. I can't imagine anything more thoroughly satisfactory during a snowstorm than to be wrapped up in this, with no possibility of wind or wet penetrating one's ears or neck. It buttons right up to the chin, too, has a comfy belt, looks smart enough for a cocktail party, and yet isn't out of place on a shopping expedition, or even a tramp in the country.

Be Colour Conscious.

Woollen hoods with scarf ends to tie are also to be had in all kinds of gay colours, and that reminds me that, although coats and suits are usually dark, frocks, jumpers and accessories are as bright as they can be. So if you can't afford a new outfit, cheer up your wardrobe by a colourful set of scarf, gloves and handbag. And, talking about gloves, do you know that the warmest kind are those woollen mittens, with the four fingers in one and the thumb separate, like babies wear? They are always used for ski-ing, and lots of women have been wearing them for the street too this winter.

Cold feet mean bad temper and a worried expression, as well as the possibility of chilblains, so let's see what can be done to keep them warm in all weathers. Rubber boots or snow shoes, which are an essential part of every woman's winter outfit on the Continent, are rapidly gaining in popularity here. They can be slipped on over one's ordinary shoes for outdoors and discarded in the house, and they really are the best possible way of keeping out the wet. They aren't expensive either and look quite neat with their little turn-down tops. The new mudguard shoes, which have an extra piece of leather coming over where the soles and the uppers join, are also a good idea. And ankle-slippers with zip fasteners and lamb's wool lining make you feel really warm only to look at them!

Comfort By Night.

There's nothing prettier to my mind than a frothy nightie, all satin and lace, but just now I feel there's nothing more grateful to the sight than a pair of thick pyjamas, up in the neck, long in the sleeves and legs, with good pockets. In fact, I think rather longingly of those lovely one-piece garments which used to cover me up completley, except for my head, as a small child. I am hoping that some enterprising designer will think of introducing these, including the "feet," in adult sizes! Woollen night-dresses, by the way, are being worn by all chic Parisiennes, and they are not by any means so "granny-ish" as they sound—in fact, in some cases, they are as fine as chiffon, without losing any of their warmness. I do think that we women ought to pass a hearty vote of thanks to whoever was responsible for the evolution of the old-fashioned dressing gown (which really looked like a sack tied round the middle) to the charming modern house-coat. You can wear this to breakfast on chilly mornings without looking in the least *en deshabille*, and it really is most becoming, with its close-fitting bodice and flowing skirt.

I do want to wish you all a very happy New Year and I hope you will make a good resolution to write to me if you think there is any useful advice I can give you. I am always happy to help you if I possibly can.

Evelyn Laye

IDEAS AND INSPIRATIONS

by Barbara

FOR DANCING FEET.

Shoes are no longer the rather conservative items of dress which they used to be.

They are now surprisingly decorative for every hour of the day, and yet they are so well designed that they do not necessarily make the foot look larger, or in the least cumbersome.

For evening, we have a modified version of the platform shoe of a few months ago. Now we find a strip of cork inserted between the sole of the shoe and the upper, the cork being decorated with glittering coloured stones, or gilt or silver metalwork.

ON SPORTING OCCASIONS.

For sports occasions we have shoes which come high over the instep, the deep vamps being held in place by straps across the base, studded with brass nail heads.

The side of the soles are also nail-studded to match.

For afternoon wear there are fine suede shoes in rich colourings, with straight, high heels, and very high, pointed vamps, with V-shaped pieces cut out of the sides. They give the foot a beautifully slender appearance.

EYES RIGHT.

When you are wearing the new dress colours in the evening—those lovely shades of burgundy, purple or wine colour—do not forget to supplement your "peony" shade of rouge and lipstick with the correct eye cosmetics.

Violet eye shadow, used very sparingly, on the lids, and violet mascara on the lashes will give just the right colour note to your eyes.

And, by the way, don't forget to smooth a faint lavender shadow right up to your brows, and out to the corner of your eyes, and then to make a slightly heavier shadow on the lids quite near the lashes themselves.

TEETH NEED A SPRAY.

If you value the health and beauty of your teeth—and what wise woman doesn't—you may like to add to your dental necessities a new kind of spray. It is invaluable for washing out the impurities from between the teeth by means of an extremely swift jet of water.

It doesn't, of course, take the place of the usual method of cleansing, but should be used in conjunction with it.

First comes the brushing, then the dental floss, pulled between the teeth, and then should come the use of the dental spray.

FOR ACHING FEET.

Tired feet and tired faces are almost inseparable companions.

So take care of your feet if only to ensure that your facial treatments are doing you all the good they are intended to do.

When next you find your feet tired and aching, try filling two bowls, one with hot water and one with cold (or tepid), and plunge the feet in one bowl for ten seconds or so and then in the other.

After a minute or two of this treatment, rinse in cold water, pat dry, lightly rub over the feet your favourite friction lotion and dust with foot powder or talcum.

LIGHTS AND FLOWERS.

Many of the most decorative dining tables of this season have their centrepieces illuminated in some way or another.

We also see large bowls of flowers standing in the corner of the room, or upon brackets, or in the entrance hall, also illuminated by having a light bulb cunningly placed among the blooms.

Amateur electricians can usually arrange this quite effectively even though the illuminated table centrepiece may be beyond their powers.

Forthcoming Marriages

THE engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between William Stanley Leatham, Manager of the Provincial Bank of Ireland Ltd., Belfast; and Cecilia Gibson Leatham, Orkney, Portrush, widow of William Stanley Balfour Leatham, Major, R.I. Rifles, and daughter of Mr. George B. Heard, C.B.E., formerly Commandant R.I.C., The Depot, Dublin, and of Mrs. Heard, now of Coed Alltwen, Penmaenmawr, N. Wales.

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THE marriage arranged between Miss May E. Little, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Little, Rosewood, Dunleady, Dundonald, and Mr. Thomas J. Brown, Press House, Warrenpoint, will take place on Wednesday, 18th January, in St. Elizabeth's Parish Church, Dundonald, at 2 p.m.

SOMERSET COUPLE'S RUBY WEDDING.

HUSBAND A CENTENARIAN

LIVED ALWAYS IN SAME VILLAGE.

Hundred-year-old Oliver Chalker and his wife, of Keinton, Mandeville (Somerset), celebrate their ruby wedding to-day. Seventy years ago they were married in the little village where they have lived all their lives. It was only two months ago that Mr. Chalker, England's oldest farmer, retired from business.

"Follow Nature's laws," he said, "and you can live to be 120, as I hope to do."

The ages of the Chalker family between them total nearly 620 years. Father and mother account for 188 years and they have two sons and four daughters whose ages range from 51 to 68.

Mr. Chalker describes the present age as one of "pride and puff." He can recall when farm workers were only paid six shillings a week, but in spite of the luxuries and amusements of to-day he is doubtful if people are more contented.

Claiming that Keinton, Mandeville, is the healthiest place in the country, Mr. Chalker attributes the longevity of the villagers to the fact that most of them are total abstainers. Out of a total population of less than 500, over 40 are 70 years of age or more, and several have passed the eighty mark.

The family celebration party will include a daughter from Colorado, U.S.A.

QUEST FOR "IDEAL" WIFE.

THREE TIMES ROUND GLOBE.

SINGAPORE, Saturday.—After wandering three times round the world, bicycling, walking, and canoeing, in search of adventure and an "ideal" wife, a 33-year-old New Zealander, Gilbert Simon, has arrived in Singapore.

Simon ran away from home when he was 17 to join a full-rigged sailing ship. In every country he looked for his ideal wife—a girl with the wanderlust—but he has not yet found her.

"Girls want to settle down and stay in one place when they marry," said Simon in an interview. "That's the trouble."—Reuter.

NEWSPAPER PRESS FUND.

MEETING OF DERRY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Derry district of the Newspaper Press Fund was held in the "Londonderry Sentinel" office on Friday, Mr. A. J. Mulvey, M.P. (chairman), presiding.

The annual report was submitted by Mr. R. A. Parke, hon. secretary, and adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. C. D. Milligan.

Mr. Mulvey was re-elected chairman, Mr. C. D. Milligan vice-chairman, and Mr. R. A. Parke hon. secretary. The executive committee were re-elected.

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. J. Campbell in his illness and the hope expressed that he would make a speedy recovery.

NAVY NAMES ANNOUNCED.

Names approved for ships of the 1938 new construction programme are announced by the Admiralty as follow:—

Destroyer depot ship Hecla to be built by John Brown & Co., Ltd., Clydebank.

Submarine depot ship Adamant, contract not yet placed.

Fleet Air Arm supply and repair ship Unicorn, contract not yet placed.

NATIONAL HEALTH HOOTON 13 DONEGALL PLACE INSURANCE MITCHELL OPTICIAN

Revealing in her Saturday Commentary that she has kept a diary since she was 15, Lady Oxford recalls

"Some Impressions of Famous Men I Have Met"

I AM sometimes asked if I can remember the first time I ever met the men of fame whom I have personally known. I remember the occasions particularly well, because I kept a diary from the age of 15, and in any case was not likely to forget those who interested me.

The first time I met the poet Browning was at Balliol, and as I had read, with perplexity, many of his fine poems, I was excited at meeting him. He was then an old man, and a great chatterbox, and, as I always talk too much, we took a fancy to each other.

I told him how much I had always admired his wife's beautiful sonnets, and wondered if I would ever become such a devoted and perfect wife, if I could have the luck to marry a man as famous as he was.

I said: "Was she ever jealous of you?" He replied: "Yes, *once* I was for a short time infatuated by a famous French authoress for whose novels I had a passionate admiration. She had a plain face, but a beautiful voice, and she wore black velvet trousers, which, though eccentric, added in some ways to her peculiar fascination."

Myself: "Trousers! How terrible! I could never admire a woman in trousers." (I little thought that I would live to see women in every class of life wearing trousers).

"EVERYBODY LOVED HER."

BROWNING: "Oh, yes you would. Everybody was in love with her—Chopin, Alfred de Musset, and others. I am sensitive to sound, and with the exception of Sarah Bernhardt I never heard a more beautiful voice than hers. Have you ever read any novels by Georges Sand?"

Myself: "Yes, two; I delight in 'La Petite Fadette;' but 'Consuelo' I found tiresome and over-blown."

Browning: "It's a long time since I read them, but this is not the age of romance."

Myself: "Did your love last long?"

Browning: "Not at all. After we returned to England, I am bound to confess her lengthy letters bored me. Such jealousy as my wife had for Mme. Sand disappeared, and it was with difficulty that she could persuade me to answer them."

In connection with poets I felt a great thrill when I first met Tennyson. His second son—Lionel—was devoted to me. His wife, who afterwards married Augustine Birrell, went as far as to say that he was in love with me, but if this was true I never noticed it. He was as clever as he was ungainly, with no manners, and a black beard, and sang to his wife's timid accompaniment daring German drinking songs.

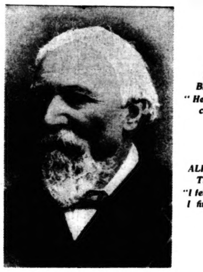
One day he asked me what I would like for a birthday present; to which I replied: "Take me to stay with your father for a week-end. Your lovely poems to me are the only present I care to have from you—but I long to meet your father."

NOBLE AND ARRESTING.

AFTER Wordsworth the poetry which I most admired was Tennyson's. Shelley did not seem to me to have the same depth of thought as either of them, and of Keats I knew nothing. Pope, who was Arthur Balfour's favourite poet, I thought brilliant, but not exactly inspired; his feet did not leave the ground, and never soared to sufficient heights to please some one as young as I was.

Lionel was delighted to take me to spend a week-end with his father in Surrey. I believe Ruskin wrote in one of his books that the Earl of Wemyss—the present Earl's grandfather—was the handsomest man he ever saw, but I saw both of them, and think that Tennyson had a more noble and arresting appearance.

I have every reason to remember this visit, as there was an old lady in our railway compartment whom I observed listening to what Lionel and I were saying to each other. She was reading a bound book, and wore a black satin dress and satin shoes covered with goloshes. Under her sable tippet she wore a diamond pendant and I could see that she was a person of distinction. Some time after this I made her acquaintance.



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(Left)
ROBERT BROWNING
"He was a great chatterbox"

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(Right)
ALFRED LORD TENNYSON
"I felt a thrill when I first met him."

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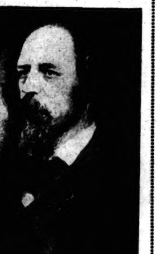

She was Lady Margaret Beaumont, and was the only person who ever left me anything in a will. She told me that, when I got out at the Surrey station, she tipped the porter who took my luggage to tell her my name. The lovely locket she left me when she died is one of my most precious possessions.

We found Tennyson at tea, and he greeted me with courtesy. After a few preliminary remarks, he asked me if I was like my sister Laura, whom he had met on the yacht in which Sir Donald Currie had taken him, Mr. Gladstone, and others for a cruise. I said no, as I was neither as good nor as clever as my sister.

He asked what book I had been reading. I replied the letters of Jane Welsh Carlyle, and added that it was a pity that they had ever married one another, as both of them in their different ways must have been remarkable.

Tennyson: "I do not agree with you. Doubtless by their marriage two people were unhappy, but, by any other, four would have been miserable."

When our early dinner was over, he asked me which poem of his I would like him to read aloud—a custom which he knew was expected from his guests. My excitement knew no bounds, as I feared that he would go to bed, since he had retired immediately after dinner, but Lionel told me not to be depressed as his father always rested for an hour and a half after dinner.

PILES OF BOOKS.

THERE were piles of books on the floor of his library, where we were sitting, and I picked up a cheap edition of "Maud," the one poem which I wanted him to read.

He emerged refreshed and beautiful from his bedroom, smoking a clay pipe, and when I said that I wanted him to read "Maud," he said: "Are you sure that it is not too long for an impatient young lady like you to listen to? I'm not even sure that I can find it."

I gave him the book, and he sat down under a lamp. After puffing for some time in silence at his pipe, he read the poem. To hear Tennyson read aloud was one of the greatest experiences of my life. His sonorous voice and beautiful face floodlit the whole room, and Lionel watched with delight how deeply I was moved.

When he had finished reading he said: "Many poets may have written words as fine as these, but none that sounded so well." And though he underestimated the beauty of his poem, he was right.

A LITERARY POSER.

IN concluding these remarks upon poetry, do any of my readers know who wrote "The Three Bears?" My husband, on the Sundays we spent at the Wharf, was fond of putting posers to his political and intellectual guests, and this was one of them.

We guessed Hans Andersen, Grimm, and other authors, but when he said he was an Englishman, holding the highest position of any poet in Britain, we were nonplussed, and after a little time we gave it up. He told us that Southey was the author.

One wet day, when the conversation was rather languishing at luncheon, I asked my stepchildren if they could guess riddles, as I was hopelessly stupid at them, but that I had succeeded once in my life, and added that it had taken me two days to do it.

Raymond—my husband's brilliant son who was killed in the War—made me a bet that he would guess it, and would I tell it to them. I answered: "What is it that God has never seen, Kings see seldom, and we see every day?"

They said: "Since it took you two days, how can you expect us to answer it in five minutes? Do tell us!" I told them that the answer was "an equal," at which Raymond said: "I would have said "a joke!"

BRITON ON MOSCOW TRIAL.

HAD FLOWN TO RUSSIA

TO RESCUE HIS WIFE.

Major W. M. Tover, of Dean Hill, Jordans, Bucks, father of Brian Grover, the 37-year-old British engineer who was arrested in Russia by the Ogpu, has been informed by the Foreign Office that his son is to face trial in the Moscow City Court to-day.

Major Grover was given no details of the charges against his son. On Sunday, November 13, Mr. Grover flew from Bromma airfield, Stockholm, to Moscow in an effort to get his Russian wife out of the country. Messages that she was starving had reached him at his flat in Sloane Square, S.W.

In September Mr. Grover gave up his post with a firm of consulting engineers and learned to fly as quickly as he could. Flying to Stockholm with a friend, Mr. Percy H. Richmond, of Cockfosters, he set off alone suddenly from Stockholm, leaving word that he was flying to Moscow by way of Finland

He was missing for some time, and eventually his parents learned from the Foreign Office that he had been arrested by the O.G.P.O. and taken to Moscow for interrogation. Apparently his passport had no Soviet visa.

A question was asked in the House of Commons on November 28, about Mr. Grover, and the British Charge d'Affaires at Moscow communicated with the Soviet authorities.

Major Grover said to a reporter to-day, "We will have to wait in suspense until well into the New Year, I'm afraid. It has been an awful time. If they had only allowed him to write a message to us it would have helped."

THE BELFAST PLAYHOUSE.

"CHARLEY'S AUNT"—SECOND WEEK.

Owing to the enthusiasm with which holiday makers greeted Mr. Norway's revival of the evergreen farcical comedy, "Charley's Aunt," he has decided to continue it for six nights longer. Mr. Norway, who plays the part of Lord Babs, is a host in himself. As a light comedian he is always delightful, and he manages to extract every ounce of comedy out of the clever lines which the author has put into his mouth. It is no exaggeration to say that at times the audiences were convulsed and the play could not proceed.

John A. Lewis will repeat his admirable performance of Jack Chesney, in which he is a tower of strength to the play. Dennis Franks, who made a big impression on his first appearance at the Playhouse as Sir Francis Chesney, will remain in the part; while the ladies, Hermione Gray, Patricia Stewart, Faith Lawrence and Muriel North will all help to keep the ball rolling with bright, vivacious performances and a wealth of smart, up-to-date frocks. Unfortunately Peter Mayes, who is playing Charles Wykeham, cannot remain in the cast after to-night, but Mr. Jack Foster will take over the part and is certain to give a good account of it. Mr. Davies will play the part of Spettigue, the lawyer.

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ON THE THRESHOLD.

Standing to-day on the threshold of another year we have time to survey the course of events during the twelve months which have near elapsed. There is much material for regret, but also matter for thankfulness for perils escaped. We can, at least, face the future in a spirit of hopefulness, chastened, no doubt, by a knowledge of the activity of dangerous forces inimical to peace and liberty in various European countries. The record of 1938 was a chequered one. In the Spring the dispute between the Governments at Westminster and Dublin was settled, when liberal concessions were made to Eire, as it is now called, in the hope of inaugurating a new era of friendship. Whatever may be the case on the other side the Channel, we in Northern nd have not as yet reaped any advantages from the new pact, but rather the reverse, owing to the admission of products of the South to our markets on advantageous terms, without reciprocal benefits to us, while the inauguration of a campaign to bring this Province under the virtually republican constitution of Eire has aroused keen antagonism here. The attack has called forth fresh declarations of the determination of the loyalists of Ulster to remain citizens of the United Kingdom, at all hazards refusing to listen to any inducements to relinquish their rights. The stirring events which have taken place in Central Europe during the year have, however, largely monopolised attention. Towards the end of May the situation in Czecho-Slovakia grew so serious as to menace the peace of the whole Continent. This composite State, formed after the conclusion of the Great War, included in its boundaries Germans, Magyars and other races, forming in all nearly a third of the population of 15,000,000. They became increasingly restive as the aggressiveness of the German Dictator developed in their neighbourhood.

When Herr Hitler's troops swept over Austria and annexed it without firing a shot, the position of Czecho-Slovakia, almost surrounded by unfriendly countries, became serious and the demands of the minorities there grew insistent. Lord Runciman was despatched to Prague on a mission of peace, but found that nothing short of the cession to Germany of what was called the "Sudeten German" areas would avert invasion. The aerial journeys undertaken by Mr. Neville Chamberlain to Germany in the cause of peace are now part of history. They resulted in the famous conference at Munich between representatives of Britain, France, Germany and Italy, which undoubtedly averted the imminent risk of war. Czecho-Slovakia, unfortunately, has had to make heavy sacrifices as the price of peace, Germany, Hungary and Poland all demanding and obtaining large portions of her territory. Nevertheless, the clouds of war have not yet been wholly dissipated. Britain and many other countries are still spending vast sums in armaments, while no end of this costly rivalry is yet in sight. In Spain and China wars are being waged with unrelenting fury, and all the resources of modern science are being applied to the slaughter of civilians as well as combatants, while complications which threaten an extension of the conflicts so as to involve other nations are continually arising. If 1939 brings an end to this strife it will be remembered in days to come as a year presaging fresh happiness and good fortune. With regard to home affairs, trade has not progressed in the way anticipated, and unemployment in Great Britain and Northern Ireland has been heavy, leaving some 1,800,000 people out of work. Commercial treaties like that concluded between Britain and the United States will, it is hoped, bring about an improvement in the economic situation, which would also be affected favourably if the wars in Spain and the Far East were concluded. We must all desire fervently that the coming year may be more happy and prosperous than that which has just terminated its erratic course.

Fascinating Facts
by
Gordon Cooper.

Which Land Has The Most In Prison?

COUNTRY	NUMBER	Per 100,000 of population
Germany	109,000	156
Belgium	5,046	61
Denmark	1,557	44
Estonia	3,100	275
Eire	588	19
Great Britain	13,638	29
Finland	8,669	232
France	23,400	56
Italy	53,389	126
Norway	1,607	57
Switzerland	6,704	165
United States	201,433	158
Japan	54,829	56
Chile	847	20
Paraguay	2,329	258
Australia	3,847	57
New Zealand	1,360	92
S. Africa (Union)	20,000	233
S. Rhodesia	2,947	234
Nigeria	7,524	38

(These figures are exclusive of political prisoners.)

Christ Church, Belfast, then the largest in the city, in which the historic meeting was held which saw the birth of the Church Accommodation Society. Its then minister, Dr. Thomas Drew, played a big part in the work of the society.

This Meeting Gave Ulster Close On Thirty New Churches

¶ **To-day church accommodation is a pressing problem in Belfast. In this article Rev. D. F. Moore, B.A., tells how it was tackled in the city exactly 100 years ago this month, when the Church Accommodation Society was formed and, in the four years of its existence, raised £17,000 for the work at a time when there were only four Church of Ireland places of worship in Belfast.**

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THIS winter marks a very important anniversary in the history of the Church of Ireland in Antrim and Down, because it was in December, 1838, exactly 100 years ago, that the first great Church extension meeting was held in Belfast.

In the middle thirties of last century there were only three Church of Ireland places of worship in Belfast (not including Ballymacarrett)—St. Anne's, St. George's and Christ Church—and as the Church population had then reached the 20,000 mark, and was rapidly increasing, it was obvious that this accommodation was quite inadequate.

Bishop Richard Mant in a visitation charge delivered on September 7, 1836, drew attention to this great need for church extension not only in Belfast, but in other parts of Down and Connor.

His actual words are well worth quoting:—"Our places of public worship, our houses of residence, and our parochial clergy fall, in many parts of this Diocese (as in other parts of the country), far below the exigence."

The Bishop concluded by suggesting to each of the clergy in whose parish such a want existed, "to write his congregation with him in a petition to each House of Parliament," and added: "Perhaps a general petition from the Bishop and clergy of the Diocese might come in aid of the several parochial petitions."

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THIS was followed up by a meeting on January 13, 1837, at which such a petition from the Bishop and clergy to both the House of Lords and the House of Commons was drawn up. This petition, which prayed the noble Lords and faithful Commons to devise some means of enabling the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to supply the want of churches, was absolutely unheeded. Henceforth the Church must do what mediæval Parliaments said the Crown should do, namely, live on its own resources. Another way must be sought to obtain the aid which Parliament refused. Private benevolence must, in future, be the financial back-bone of Church extension.

Accordingly on September 8, 1838, Rev. Thos. Drew, Minister of Christ Church, Belfast, published a letter in which he appealed earnestly to all Christians, and especially to those who belonged to the Church of Ireland, to come forward and help in a great Church extension movement.

In a postscript Drew added that the usual method of procedure in England in such contemplated efforts was:

"A memorial is drawn up in each diocese, signed by all the nobility and by the influential gentry and clergy, addressed to the Bishop of the diocese, soliciting his Lordship to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the exigencies of the Church in that diocese and the prospect of instituting a Church Building Society."

This letter was subsequently republished in pamphlet form and circulated far and wide. It had a wonderful effect. Drew was encouraged from all sides. For example, Rev. James Morgan, minister of Fisherwick Place Presbyterian Church, at once wrote to him, giving him valuable information and thanking him for the service he had rendered to religion in drawing public notice to the subject.

No time was lost. On September 11, after the first annual meeting of the Down and Connor Clergy Aid Society, a meeting was held, at which a memorial praying the Bishop to convene a public meeting for the purpose of forming a Church Accommodation Society was drawn up.

The memorial was presented to the Bishop on November 16. His Lordship cordially acceded to the petition and fixed December 19 for the meeting. Before that date it was represented to the Bishop that no public apartment in Belfast was capable of receiving the number of persons who had signified their intention of being present.

Therefore, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and considering the important spiritual object of the meeting, he gave permission for it to be held in Christ Church, the then largest church in Belfast.

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THE meeting was advertised to begin at noon, but long before that hour the huge church was absolutely filled by all sorts and conditions of men and women, all bearing sympathy with the object of the gathering.

Among those present were the Marquis of Donegall, Lord Dufferin, the Hon. Judge Crompton, Sir Robert Bateson, Bart., M.P.; Mr. James Emerson Tennent, M.P.; Mr. George Dunbar, M.P.; Mr. Peter Kirk, M.P.; the Hon. Colonel Ward, the Hon. and Rev. Henry Ward, the Dean of Ross (Dean Stannus), the Archdeacon of Down (W. B. Mant), the Archdeacon of Connor (Leslie Creery), Lieut.-Colonel Savage, Messrs. John M'Neill, Richard Blakiston, James Rose Cleland, William Wilson, George Langtry, T. D. Stewart, Wm. Trail, Thos. Gregg, Fortescue Gregg, Robt. Thompson, John Thompson, Jas. Goddard, Wm. Cairns, Thomas Davison, Revs. A. C. Macartney, Thomas Drew, W. M'Ilwaine, R. Hobson, George M'Dowell Johnston, S. S. Heatley, William Crawford, C. S. Courtney, Henry Carter, J. Kinahan, J. Chaine, William Green, and Henry Martin.

Two Presbyterian ministers (Revs. James Morgan and George Bellis) and one Methodist minister (Rev. James Tobias) were also present.

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THE first resolution was proposed by Sir Robert Bateson, Bart., M.P., and seconded by Rev. H. Smythe Cumming. It called upon the members of the Church and their friends "to adopt energetic measures for extending the means of instruction in her principles, and of attendance upon her services, to all ranks of society, especially to the poorer classes, who have not the ability to provide these advantages for themselves."

The second resolution, adopted on the motion of the Archdeacon of Down (W. B. Mant), and Mr. William Wilson (a generous benefactor of Trinity Church some years later) affirmed the existence of the deficiency of church accommodation in the diocese and went into details.

The third resolution, adopted on the motion of Mr. James Emerson Tennent, M.P., and the Hon. and Rev. Henry Ward, expressed the will of the meeting that "a society be formed, to be called 'The Down and Connor Church Accommodation Society.'" In proposing this resolution, Mr. Tennent drew attention to the fact that the first printing press ever worked in Ireland was established at Belfast, and that the first book that issued from it was a copy of the English Bible. (This was in 1704).

At the close of the meeting the subscription list was opened. £4,500 was subscribed on the spot. In six weeks the figure had reached £10,000, while in six months no less than £13,400 had been given.

No one can think of that great meeting 100 years ago without noting two things. First, the enthusiasm of the Church people of the day for the cause of true religion, and secondly, the great work done in and through the Church Accommodation Society by the laity of the diocese.

The Church Accommodation Society had begun its work. It was given four years to live. What did it accomplish?

It raised £17,424 1s 10d for Church extension. Grants were given towards the building of the following churches or chapels-of-ease:—The Magdalene Asylum Chapel; St. Matthew's Chapel, Shankill Road; St. Paul's, Belfast; Ballyclug, Craigs, Glynn, Killagan, Raloo, Tyrella, Broomhedge, Drumtullagh, St. James', Hillsborough; Stoneyford, Groomsport, Hollymount, Muckamore, Kilwarlin, Trinity Church, Belfast, and Whitehouse.

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THE last sixteen of these were erected from the designs of Charles (afterwards Sir Charles) Lanyon, C.E., a member of Christ Church congregation, who placed his time and professional services gratuitously at the disposal of the society.

A substantial grant was also made by the Society towards the re-building of Holywood Parish Church.

Besides these churches erected directly under the Church Accommodation Society, that body may be said to have set on foot movements which ultimately led to the building of the following places of worship:—The present church in Portstewart, the present church in Portrush, Carrowdore, Templecorran, Christ Church, Lisburn; Kircubbin, Ramoan, Lambeg, and Ballyscullion.

Amongst those who originated and led this great Church extension movement one personality stands head and shoulders above all others—the Rev. Thos. (afterwards Dr.) Drew, minister of Christ Church from 1833 to 1859. A contemporary newspaper said of him: "Whatever merit may be due to others, it is to this excellent man the community is mainly indebted for the establishment of this society, and for the widespread of Gospel truth in the suburban districts of Belfast."

The Church Accommodation Society, 1838 to 1843, did a great and a wonderful work. May it long be remembered, especially by those who worship in the churches erected under its influence and to a large extent by its financial support. And may the success of those who laboured for Church extension 100 years ago encourage us in our work in that same connection to-day.

On this page on Monday

☆ *"Ulster's Newest Nuisance" Eric Hardy, F.Z.S., well-known naturalist, introduces you to the Chrysanthemum midge and its ways.*

☆ *"The Year's Dearest Day." Peter Taylor gives some interesting figures concerning the bills January brings*

THOUGHTS FOR THE TIMES by DR. A. D. BELDEN.

How Are YOU Facing 1939?

AS we leave the old year and step into the new what mood is uppermost in our minds? Regret, fear, pain, or expectation?

One of the best things in regard to moods is that we can change them if we are resolute enough. Browning advises us "greet the unseen with a cheer." That is best achieved not simply by a rallying of courage, but also by an appreciation of life.

The most surprising thing about life is its capacity for giving us surprises. It would be a suitable occupation for the last hours of the last day of the dying year to meditate upon this surprise element in life, especially in its happier forms.

Let us admit at once that life does surprise us with its complexity and its tragedy, its frustration, and its sacrifices. These, however, are not the only things to be explained. It surprises us much more by its amazing gifts of inward resources and outward fortune.

The triumphs of the human race are much more significant than its tragedies, as day is more significant than night and summer than winter. This is true also of our personal experience.

An honest account of the average person's life would contain, I believe, a confession of profound astonishment that matters have not gone worse than has actually been the case. They would be, moreover, a record of strange deliverances in trouble, rainbow experiences, sudden bursts of good fortune, strange twists and turns given to the evil of life, which has transformed it into good.

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I know that in my own case the finest things in my experience have come as it were "out of the blue." There was I toiling and moiling at life, striving to keep my end up, and push on the frail little barque of my fortunes, and then apparently from nowhere a great wind would blow, filling my sails and carrying me onward.

Some of these experiences have turned upon very slight occurrences, the chance meeting of a friend, a letter, telephone call, and the great surprise has happened!

I remember a man who was walking through a London street late one night, as desperate as a man could be, without a penny or a chance in the world. In one of the quieter thoroughfares he felt a strange impulse to cross the road, a totally unnecessary thing for him to do. He did so, and as he approached the opposite kerb he caught sight of a coin lying on the kerbstone. It was a two shilling piece, and it turned the current of his life.

Why is it that the best so often comes to us in this strangely indirect fashion? It is, I think, because God in His Universe has a technique which, perhaps, is best described as by-productism.

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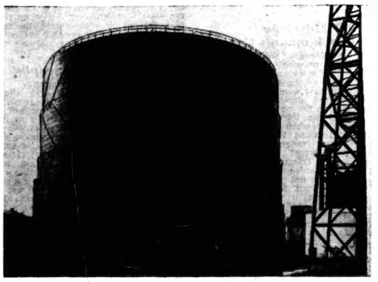
If you like to put it so there is a chronic touch of Santa Claus about the universe, as though life under God's direction practised a consistent humility, and is anxious not to let its left hand know what its right hand does. The Scripture says, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing."

In our modern commercial life we know a good deal about by-products which even in their financial value exceed that of the main manufacture. So in life, out of a dull downpour of rain and intrusive dirt in the sky, God can create His rainbow, and out of the prosaic toil of the humble oyster to overcome the irritation of a piece of grit within its shell, there can emerge the exquisite pearl.

Whatever, then, may have been our experience in the past year or years, and whatever the present aspect of the future, let us take heart. We have just come through a season where we have enjoyed again some of the brilliant ingenuities of love; a dozen delightful surprises were sprung upon us by those who had taken thought for our need and our happiness. Shall God be less clever and less capable of sweet and thrilling surprises?

St. Paul, quoting from Isaiah, writes, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them that love Him." He evidently believed in God's power of surprise!

What a surprise indeed to beat what the human eye has seen and the human ear has heard, and what the human mind has dreamed! We may well go into the New Year carrying our "white shields of expectation."



In 1939 will be celebrated the centenary of the man who gave the world coal gas. Here is a Belfast 7,000,000-feet gasometer.

THIS NEW YEAR WE'LL CELEBRATE

THE first of the New Year's important centenaries falls on January 19. Aden, the small arid peninsula which, as the "Gibraltar of the Red Sea," is one of the most important parts of the British Empire, then celebrates its hundredth anniversary as a British possession.

About a month later we shall celebrate the 250th anniversary of the accession of England's joint rulers, King William III. and Queen Mary II., and the end of a short second period of kingless rule.

Parliament wanted Mary to reign alone, with William of Orange as Prince-Consort, but Mary would not accept this position, and on February 12, 1689, Parliament asked them to become joint sovereigns. The proposal was immediately accepted, and the new king and queen were proclaimed on the following day.

War clouds brooded over Spain 200 years ago, just as they do to-day; but in 1739 it was international and not civil war. Britain declared war on Spain in the March of that year.

April brings the centenary of one of the most far-reaching treaties of modern times—the Treaty of London, which, by the guarantees of Belgian neutrality which it contained brought Britain and France into the Great War 75 years later.

JULY brings with it the centenary of disturbing events that were destined to have a far-reaching effect on England's social history—the first of the riots which followed the rejection by Parliament of the Chartists' petition.

For nearly ten years after that these disturbances broke out at intervals, some of them threatening the gates of Buckingham Palace itself. The outcome of the bad trade conditions which prevailed at the time, the movement died down as things improved; but Parliament has since given the people even wider rights than those which the Chartists demanded.

Nearly everybody knows that 1940 will bring the centenary of the Penny Post, but it is not so widely known that an almost equally significant postal anniversary falls on December 5, 1939, the centenary of the passing of the Act of Parliament which made the uniform postage a legal possibility. Just over a month afterwards, on January 10, 1840, it became an accomplished fact.

The year 1939 also brings a crop of interesting memories of "ten years ago." King George V.'s slow recovery from his serious illness; the "Golden Arrow" raising the world's speed record to 231 m.p.h.; the eruption of Vesuvius in June; the Mauretania breaking her own transatlantic record after 22 years' service; Flight-Lieutenant Waghorn's Schneider Trophy victory at 328 m.p.h.; the Hatry crash, and Commander Byrd's flight over the South Pole—a year of outstanding events and real achievement.

GIANTS of literature stand out among those great men whose anniversaries are within the next twelve months. Jean Racine, born in 1639, was one of France's greatest dramatists, although it was his poetry that first earned for him the patronage of Louis XIV. when he was only 25.

Very different literary achievements filled the lives of Francis Bret Harte and Mademoiselle Louise de la Ramee, born in 1839 within a few months of one another; the one in New York, the other at Bury St. Edmunds.

Bret Harte's name is still famous; but it is as "Ouida," author of such thrilling stories as "Under Two Flags," that Mlle. de la Ramee is remembered today. Her first novel, "Held in Bondage" appeared as a serial when she was only twenty-one. The actual date of "Ouida's" birth is uncertain.

In the realm of science we shall celebrate the centenary of William Murdoch, "the man who gave coal-gas to the world as a source of light and heat," who died in 1839.

Eight years of patient experiments and constant failures made this "miracle" of light without wicks, a reality in 1800. Two years later it was the star feature of the illuminations at the celebrations which followed the Peace of Amiens.

Royalty-Conscious Americans. British Visit Reflections.

LONDON, Saturday.

[Topical.
DUKE OF KENT.

AMERICAN newspapers and news magazines are already giving a great deal of space to the forthcoming visit of the King and Queen to Canada and the U.S.A. The Americans are intensely "Royalty-conscious," and are, indeed, far more loyal to George VI., to whom they owe no fealty, than to George III., to whom they did.

The late Queen Marie of Roumania had good cause to remember the delight which these good Republicans take in the very idea of a monarchy. The poor lady, when she visited the United States more than ten years ago, was mobbed daily by excited crowds, who often got so out of hand that the police could not prevent the harassed Queen from having her dress mutilated by the scissors of souvenir hunters.

The coming Royal visit has whetted the appetites of the American public afresh for every morsel of news, every tit-bit of gossip, about the British Royal family.

Not only are the King and Queen being "built up" by the newspapers in preparation for the visit, but everything that is said or done by the Royal Dukes and their Duchesses, and, of course, by the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, is front page news.

London Day By Day

Royal Dukes Have Busy Lives.

SOME newspapers, for example, are printing a story that soon after the Duke of Kent takes up his duties as Governor-General of Australia the Duke of Gloucester will be given a similar appointment in Canada. A rumour of this kind was going the rounds a month or two ago, only this time it was the Viceroyalty of India which was the position destined for the Duke.

Such stories are, I believe, very wide of the mark, if only on account of the fact that the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester are needed in this country to fulfil the many public duties which fall to the Royal family. The calls on the time and energies of the two Royal Dukes are heavy enough now in all conscience; the position will be far more serious when the Duke and Duchess of Kent sail for Australia.

Many functions which by custom demand the presence of members of the Royal family have even now to be passed over because there are not enough Royal Highnesses to go round.

When King George V. was alive there were a Prince of Wales and three Dukes available. Now there is no Prince and but two Dukes, and soon there will only be one left in England. Clearly, Canada will have to wait—we want the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester here.

Control Board Problem.

AUSTRALIAN cricketers, so it seems, do not like autograph hunters, while English players, admitting that there is a time for everything, tolerate them and think every time they sign their names that they are doing a thing to encourage cricket.

The latter expression comes from G. O. Allen, who captained the last M.C.C. side which went to Australia, and who feels that small boys get a great deal of inspiration from autographs. But the Australians, if Mr. Jeanes, their manager last summer, is to be taken as representative of their opinions, points out that they lost a lot of leisure through signing books, and the time-table was also interrupted.

So the Australian Cricket Board of Control has decided to write to the M.C.C. suggesting that a solution should be found to "the autograph nuisance." The Board points out that genuine collectors should not be offended, and that there is no intention to hurt charity organisations which benefit from sales of autographs.

No definition of a genuine autograph hunter or otherwise is given. Only "importunate demands" are mentioned. Anyway, the Australians should take pride in the knowledge that, while they signed about 6,000 a man in England, the English side which went to Australia signed only about 3,500 times each.

Monumental Disclosures.

THE Monument has the most unique history of any of Wren's gems of architecture. Anyone leaping from its summit need never face a charge of attempted suicide, and what better or more suitable site in London could be found for disproving Newton's wondrous laws of gravity.

There is no need for anyone to go to Florida to see the sun rise when, on any one of the three days that compose the English summer, the first rays of the morning sun can be seen dancing about the slimy scales of plaice, cod or kippers in Bishopsgate. Neurotic ladies have even been known to mount the 363 steps of the Monument in a London fog to discover whether they suffer uneasiness from seeing nothing beneath them, as a preliminary to a maiden cross-Channel flight

Yesterday marked a new phase of Monument history. Several unemployed men paid their 3d entrance fee, and then having strategically barricaded the door at the top refused anyone else from getting out on to the balcony to sniff the London air and marvel in the panorama.

They even made this an occasion for unfurling a banner bearing the legend—"For a happy New Year the unemployed must not starve in 1939." This rather ironically recalls the significance of this 202 feet high column, namely, the fire which broke out in Pudding Lane and destroyed most of London, 1666. It would, no doubt, make a magnificent observation post in war time.

A Good Story Teller.

MR. R. R. Stokes has only been in the House of Commons since February, but he promises well. In Parliament, however, he shows little of that sense of fun which animates him elsewhere. He is a wonderful story teller, and his account of the amicable arrangement reached with the Arabs about cutting the pipe line is in his best style.

He has, however, another which is equally good. In Italy, about the time when he was first elected in Parliament for Ipswich, he got into a dispute with a Fascist who made an excessive request for payment on his luggage, and who sought to enforce the demand by attempting to drag Mr. Stokes along the railway platform by his tie.

As Mr. Stokes mildly put it—"I naturally resented this, and removed him from my tie." This was not quite the end of the incident, and it appears that when he got to the police station he was "beaten up." The experience would probably have prevented anyone else from seeing any known humour in the situation. Not so Mr. Stokes.

A Boxing "National."

MR. Sydney Hulls, the well-known boxing promoter, whose contract at Harringay soon expires, has been fortunate enough to sign Eric Boon, the young lightweight champion of Great Britain, and Arthur Danahar, the Bethnal Green boxer, who has made such rapid strides since he joined the professional ranks.

It is the match everybody has been talking about for months, and Mr. Hulls is not likely to have any sleepless nights between now and the day of the fight, for wherever he elects to stage it he will have a packed house.

A few weeks ago the pair were matched to fight in private, but there was such an outcry that the project was dropped. Fight "fans," let it be known that they thought they had a right to see the bout, as they had supported the men from the days they took to the ring as professionals.

Not for years has Great Britain had so many good lightweights as there are at the present time, but there are few who will disagree that Boon and Danahar are the two outstanding exponents. Both can punch very hard, and are of the type who never let the public down.

It Happened on December 31

TRANSLATOR OF THE BIBLE.
Lutterworth, A.D. 1384.

John Wycliffe, one of the greatest of English church reformers, died here today. He was born in Yorkshire about 1320 and entered Oxford University when he was 16. Later he became master and warden, took his doctor's degree and acquired fame by preaching against several tenets of the Roman Catholic faith. After the Peasant's Revolt of 1381 he organised a body of poor preachers, the "poor priests," to spread his beliefs. In 1378 he began his monumental work of translating the Bible into English.

INDIA TO BE DEVELOPED.
London, 1660.

Nine years ago a private adventure of three ships set out to start trade between England and the East Indies. Only one of them reached India, and after a voyage of three years the Commander, Captain Lancaster, came home in another vessel, as his sailors had mutinied and seized his own. But the knowledge he gained led to the establishment of a company formed to develop the country and its trade. To-day the new company, The East India Company, destined to play such a part in the country's history, received its first charter.

MUSICAL REVIEW OF 1938

Memories That Remain From Year's Estimate

Famous Pianists Head List

IT has been remarked, here and elsewhere, that art has no concern with morals. That being so, it follows that, for good or ill, the governments of the world have no machinery wherewith to punish the criminals of art. Artistic excellence, actual or alleged, is occasionally rewarded by decorations such as knighthood or the Order of Merit; but I have never known it to be intended by the bestowers of such that they have been awarded for moral excellence. Such decorations stand, or should stand, for the excellence of art-work, purely and simply; and so it seems a pity that artistic wrongdoing should not also receive its due. Some day we may have Ministries of the Fine Arts to perform that admirable duty. Meanwhile it falls to the critics to sift the wheat from the tares. Do we enjoy it? Speaking for myself, the answer is a decided negative in respect of those cases where the lash has to be applied, however gently. My sole satisfaction in this work (as it is, I hope, the sole satisfaction of every critic) lies in the hope that criticism—bouquet or whip—may produce better art and a livelier comprehension on the part of the patrons of art. In that spirit I now engage upon my annual retrospect of Belfast music; and on this occasion I shall adopt the chronological plan which is favoured by the Press at this season, adding brief notes of my recalled impressions. To save space, I ask readers to note the following abbreviations:—B.P.S. = Belfast Philharmonic Society; C.C.=Mr. Harold Holt's Celebrity Concerts; Y.M.C.A. (O.C.)= the Saturday orchestral concerts jointly promoted by the City Y.M.C.A. and the B.B.C.; Corp. (O.C.)=the similar series promoted by the Belfast Corporation and the B.B.C.; B.M.S.=the British Music Society of Northern Ireland. "Orchestra" refers to the B.B.C. N. Ireland Orchestra, except in the case of the Philharmonic Orchestra, which is composed of some 50 amateurs, together with 25 to 30 professional (mostly B.B.C.) players.

January.

7—B.M.S. The Winyates String Quartet. Refined, musical treatment of some excellent music, but not ideal in blend and balance. Their best performance, by far, that of Bax's fine Quintet for strings and oboe, with Miss Sylvia Spencer as oboist.

17—Y.M.C.A. (O.C.). Disappointing so far as the music offered was concerned: Rachmaninoff's morbid, neurotic Piano Concerto in C minor, with Moiseiwitch as soloist; a dull academic attempt at symphony by Edward German; Tchaikowsky's cheap, blatant "Capriccio Italien"; and the Overture to Rossini's "Barber of Seville." It is significant that the last-named, which ordinarily would be the lightsome relief after some serious music, stood out, with some charmingly played piano solos, as the best music of the evening. Mr. O'Donnell conducted.

21—C.C. Kreisler, with all his old classic poise, but not quite all the old beauty of tone or mastery of technique. The Cesar Franck Sonata was the most considerable music, but the rendering, by Kreisler and Charlton Keith, did not impress me as a happily unified conception. There was the usual spate of marzipan and peach melba short pieces.

February.

1—The Maori Choir, whose enthusiastic efforts only served to show how Western civilisation can work havoc on a people whose good art was clearly manifest when they were engaged upon their native chants. The more "Christian" the music, the poorer the music, both in content and in performance.

5—Corp. (O.C.) Mr. O'Donnell conducted a performance of Sibelius's beautiful 7th (one-movement) Symphony that was well-reasoned in conception and carefully devised in execution, giving hope of a more care-free performance to come.

11—B.M.S. The Grinke Trio. Fine music, of varied virtues of rendering. Their most convincing performance was that of Frank Bridge's Phantasic-Trio.

18—B.P.S. Some Bach and Handel pieces (with Paul Beard soloist in a violin concerto) were more notable for praiseworthy intent than for the actual outcome thereof. Again we realised the society's call for bigger financial resources which would ensure the adequate amount of rehearsal. Withal, the orchestra gave excellent account of itself in Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for string quartet and orchestra, wherein Mr. Godfrey Brown once more demonstrated that sympathetic approach to Elgar which I have had occasion to remark of yore. The outstanding feature of this concert—as, indeed, of the whole year, so far as solo vocalism is concerned—was the beauty and exceeding artistry of Mr. Keith Falkner's singing.

26.—Y.M.C.A. (O.C.). Sir Henry Wood conducted a fairly convincing performance of Sibelius's 3rd Symphony, which is not in itself by any means the best of the composer's seven symphonies; and a performance of Elgar's 'Cello Concerto (despite the good efforts of orchestra and conductor) was not at all convincing, owing to the un-Elgarian predispositions of the soloist—the Spanish 'cellist, Mr. Antoni Sala.

28.—C.C. Menuhin's playing, especially of the Bach Chaconne, proving him beyond all question the greatest violinist of our day, by virtue of the combination of a great (though not, I think, the greatest) technique with an artistic penetration of the highest order. What I have said about the Maori singers and Mr. Sala may also be said of Menuhin's reactions to the Londonderry Air.

March.

4.—B.M.S. That ever delightful partnership of Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson, whose extraordinary unity of conception has now, as I once prophesied, blossomed forth in a still more fascinating expression of diversity-in-unity.

5.—The Belfast Singers' annual concert: conductor, Mr. Vine. Very apt and understanding in the madrigal style—notably so in a fine performance of Byrd's motet "Haec dies"—they have still to win their way to perfection of blend and balance and tonal beauty, especially in "homophonic" music, in which those qualities are most called for.

13.—A most impressive performance of Tallis's motet, "I call and cry," by the Cathedral choir: this, indeed, together with the same choir's singing of Sweelinck's "Born to-day" last Sunday, the peak of choralism this year, and ranking beside the highest English cathedral standard—were it not for those ladies, whose voices, however good of their class, one would fain have replaced, an it were possible, by the person-less quality of boys' voices alone.

14.—C.C. Miss Ida Haendel, a very young violinist whose efforts gave hope of a more highly matured thought and technique yet to be. She is to pay us a return visit in the near future.

21.—Corp. (O.C.) Vaughan Williams's much-discussed F minor Symphony: I range myself with the minority who find its stern dissonances the medium of an arresting, powerful message. The orchestra—all honour to them and to Mr. O'Donnell's work of preparation—made a very brave effort, but Sir Adrian Boult's conducting, which always veers towards the unaggressively amiable, hardly came to grips with the music. Less enjoyable was Backhaus, with his resounding technics, but not very sympathetic leanings, in the Beethoven No. 4 Concerto. Most enjoyable, and brilliantly played, was Howard Ferguson's splendid "Partita"—highly individual, admirably scored music that gave delightful promise of this Belfast man's future as a composer.

28.—C.C. Rachmaninoff. What shall we say of him, whether in Beethoven (the D minor Sonata, marvellously played and interpreted), in the Chopin group, or in Liszt's transcription of Bach's organ Fantasie and Fugue in G minor, but that that he is as a player and interpreter the master-pianist of our time? That such a mind could stoop to the triviality of Liszt's "Petrarco" Sonata (or stoop to write some of the second-rate stuff he has turned out) is "just one of those things"—such is life.

April.

1.—B.P.S. An undistinguished concert, devised to replace the Bantock work, which had been originally announced and which was vetoed by the decree of that august body whose ways and doings will be the subject of my pen in the near future. The actual music was excellent; but neither Vaughan Williams's Mystical Songs nor Bach's Magnificat were adequately tackled by the chorus, and the Bach suffered from solo singing which (excepting the commendable effort of our local singer, Miss Anna Reid) was neither in spiritual accord with the music nor always happy in its tonal effect. Mr. Brown conducted.

October.

1.—The début concert of the Ormiston Choir (conductor, Mr. Wm. Boyd), whose technical and artistic potentialities bespeak far better music than what, for the most part, they essayed.

10—John McCormack's Farewell. One of the great artists of our day, master of rhythm, of significant diction, and of creating "mood," whose great gifts have been too often devoted to paltry material, alike unworthy of the artist and of the country it was alleged to represent.

14—B.M.S. Charming Mozart and Beethoven playing by the New Hungarian String Quartet, though their Mozart was scarcely of the quality shown by the Roth Quartet last season. Greetings and good wishes to the B.M.S., who afford us many fine performances, and, almost invariably, first-rate music.

15—Y.M.C.A. (O.C.) Performances of the Meistersinger Overture and of Brahms's 2nd Symphony which, as I remarked at the time, were made to speak to us in a series of patches, purple and otherwise, rather than as unified wholes; a charming performance of Debussy's "L'aprés midi;" and a Liszt-Schubert excrescence, which I hope soon to forget. The Corporation-B.B.C. concerts are no more. Of this, more anon.

20—Queen's University. This commendable work goes on and will, I hope, go on, with increasing recognition by the students—Queen's and otherwise—for whom it was devised. Again the ever-welcome art of the Bartlett-Robertson duo.

21—B.P.S. And yet again—but here the gifted pair's sensitive Bach playing called for a more sensitive orchestral response than present conditions of rehearsing make possible. A semi-chorus and the two pianists gave a very agreeable rendering, sometimes rising to real beauty, of Brahms's Love Songs. Mr. Brown conducted.

November.

11.—My unforgettable London experience of Sibelius, especially of that marvellous performance of the 4th Symphony under Beecham. (On the 12th some piffling Sibelius, which is another of those depressing, unaccountable things!) My absence in London prevented me from hearing a B.M.S. folk-song recital on the 11th.

15—C.C. (Mr. Holt's new series in conjunction with the B.B.C.). A magnificent rendering of the "Emperor" by Schnabel, most admirably accompanied by the orchestra under Mr. O'Donnell, who gives us of his finest artistic penetration in such a collaboration. Schnabel's four Schubert pieces still linger with me as linger the evocations of that "Spirit of Delight" which comes so rarely. There is something of pathos as well as of delight, in these dark days, in the way that that lovable German-Jew speaks so truly and lovingly the language of the Germany that used to be.

25—B.P.S. Dyson's "The Canterbury Pilgrims," conducted by the composer. Despite the splendid work of the chorus, who sang with far more assurance and point than on the former occasion of this lovely work's performance here, the sum total effect was hardly so true to the spirit of the piece: orchestra, Miss Baillie and even the conductor showed a certain diffidence of approach. The musical and poetical qualities of Captain Brennan's new Irish Fantasy for 'cello and orchestra were not adequately realised.

December.

2.—B.M.S. A piano recital by Mr. Lance Dossor, whose now unequal achievements give promise of a happy maturity. A very outstanding work was Moeran's Theme and Variations.

10.—Y.M.C.A. (O.C.). Again works of a classic poise (a Wagner excerpt and the Elgar "Enigma") were subjected to a patchy discursiveness by Mr. O'Donnell, who, however, achieved most happy results in some modern impressionistic music. The next Y.M.C.A. concert will take place next Saturday, when Mr. York Bowen will play the solo part in his own A minor piano concerto.

Lastly, some delightful Christmas music: brilliant choralism, and some very good solo singing, in the Philharmonic "Messiah" on 16th; a very commendable effort in Bach's Christmas Oratorio, with occasional flashes of brilliance, by Mr. Vine's Belfast Singers at St. Jude's on 18th—a specially high commendation to Mr. Jack M'Keown for his artistic accompanying on an organ of limited capacity; and the exceedingly lovely carol service (with the Sweelinck already mentioned) at the Cathedral on Christmas Day.

Of all this array, shall I give the seven performances which stand out in my memory?—excluding, of course, the London Sibelius, which stands by itself. Here are my seven, in order of merit:—Rachmaninoff's Beethoven and Chopin; a very close second, Schnabel's Beethoven (not forgetting orchestra and conductor) and Schubert; Menuhin's Bach; Keith Falkner; the Bartlett-Robertson duo in Bach's "Sheep may safely graze;" the Cathedral Choir's Tallis; and the Philharmonic chorus in certain choruses of "Messiah."

Finally, my greetings to Sir Henry Wood, who celebrated his conducting jubilee this year; and to Sir Hamilton Harty, whom we gladly welcome back amongst us after his long illness.

RATHCOL.

THE NEW YEAR.

I stood at the gate of Joy and Hope,
Awaiting, expectantly glad.
Out from the east came the young New Year
With a casket of gold in his hand.

"What have you there?" I asked of him,
So clear, so sweet and pure,
"Day by day you will learn," he said,
"As you live through each fleeting hour."

"Secrets I hold in my casket of gold,
A smile, a laugh and a sigh,
For if tears and sorrows were not in this world
Love and patience would die."

As I turned and left him standing there
I heard someone softly say,
"I will give you courage and health and strength
To live through each new born day."

STELLA ELIZABETH JOHNSTON
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B.B. NOTES

VERY SPECIAL DATE

JUBILEE OF FIRST COMPANY.

BANDS IN THE BATTALION.

TEST PIECES FOR CONTESTS.

ONCE again we are on the threshold of a new B.B. year. The Battalion President sends very hearty good wishes to all companies and teams, and trusts 1939 will be a year of great success both for the organisation and its individual members. It is good to stop occasionally and take stock of our progress and prospects, and probably there is no better time for doing so than at the beginning of a new year. Let us all then confess quite frankly our shortcomings of the past, and resolve that nothing but the best will satisfy us for the future. We in Ulster have much to be thankful for. There is no doubt we have used the Brigade to excellent advantage, and that our position never was stronger. Let us never be satisfied, however, while so many boys are still outside the influence of any organisation for their betterment, but let us run our companies in a way that will attract them to join.

To-day is a very special anniversary in the Boys' Brigade in Ireland. It was on December 31, 1888, that the first company was officially enrolled in Ireland as 1st Belfast Company, connected with St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church. We rejoice that it is still going as strong as ever, and wish it many happy returns of the day.

EACH HAS HIS WORRIES.

One of the commonest of human weaknesses is the belief that were we only in someone else's shoes we could do a great deal better than is possible in our own. In Boys' Brigade circles this belief often takes the form of envy of the circumstances applying in other companies. The Belfast officer feels that if only he had an opportunity to work in a country or small town things would be a great deal different. He knows that in the city technical classes interfere with company parades, as do many other things not so commendable, and feels that his brother in the country has no such worries.

On the other hand the officer in a country or small town company feels that such disadvantages are small compared with his troubles. He often has boys who have a journey of two or three miles to parade in the foulest winter weather, and often is convinced it is impossible for him to get that high standard of efficiency he fondly imagines comes as a matter of course in the city. He thinks, too, that in the city finance and man-power are both absolutely limitless.

There is a great deal to be said for both points of view, and for an opportunity being made for each section to learn of the other's difficulties. Such an opportunity will be afforded at the Belfast Battalion Officers' Luncheon Club at its meeting on Monday next in the Hostel, Howard Street, when the subject, "Running a Country Company," will be dealt with by Mr. A. W. Kelly. Possibly there is no officer in Ireland better fitted to deal with the subject than Mr. Kelly.

FOSTERED THE WEAK.

Some years ago Mr. Kelly was captain of a Dublin company. Since then his business has been responsible for many changes in his place of residence, so that in addition to fostering quite a number of weak companies in the North, he has been captain of 3rd Ballymena and 1st Rathfriland, and is still captain of 3rd Lurgan. The first and last-named companies he was responsible for founding. He is very well known in the Belfast Battalion, and is sure of a good reception. The chairman will be Mr. Robin Thornton, 1st Portadown Company.

Of late years there has been a decided increase in the number and variety of bands in the battalion, and also a decided improvement in the standard of their playing. There is no doubt that the battalion bands' contests are responsible for a great deal of this improvement. Test pieces for this year's contests have just been announced as follows:—Senior bugle bands, "Steadfast"; junior bugle bands, "Jam Roll"; trumpet bands, "Steadfast"; pipe bands, "Aye Kissin' Me"; flute bands, "The Rochester"; individual pipe contest, "The Bonnie Country Garden"; individual flute contest, "Andante Cantabile."

COMPANY NOTES.

The 1st Belfast Company (St. Mary Magdalene Parish) were very pleased to have their honorary captain—Mr. W. H. M'Vicker, M.Sc.—at their Bible Class on Christmas morning. Mr. M'Vicker conducted the class, which took the form of a carol service, with appropriate Scripture readings, and an address by Mr. M'Vicker. A special collection was taken up to send Christmas parcels of cheer to a few of the poorer people of the district.

Amongst the carols sung were a number that have been included in corresponding services in the company for very many years and are a traditional part of 1st Belfast's Christmas. It was interesting to learn that while in Canada recently Mr. M'Vicker met many Old Boys of the company, who talked over days long past, and that amongst their happy recollections was the singing each Christmas of their old carols. On its 50th birthday 1st Belfast sends hearty greetings to its Old Boys and friends throughout the world, and to every reader of these notes.

There was a specially large turnout at the Bible Class of 3rd Belfast Company (Albert Street Presbyterian Church) on Sunday morning last. The meeting took the form of a Christmas carol service, at which the singing was led by a small orchestra organised by Mr. S. J. Barr. Welcome visitors were the scholars of the morning Sunday school, the 54th Belfast Company, and quite a number of parents and friends. Rev. Thos. M'Dermott, B.A., Company Chaplain, and Mr. Edward Nicholl took part. Solos were rendered by Mr. Wm. Duke and Private Harold Smith, and a short Christmas address was given. A special collection on behalf of the poor was generously supported.

WITH THE LIFE BOYS.

The 18th Belfast Team (Fortwilliam Park Church) had an enjoyable Christmas party and had as guests members of 1st Larne and 34th Belfast Teams. Following a bumper tea the time passed all too quickly for the boys in games and competitions. Santa Claus, of course, made an appearance before the meeting ended and distributed sweets.

The 43rd Belfast Team (Dundonald Presbyterian Church) enjoyed a hike during the holidays to the Kemp Stone, Dundonald, one of the best cromlechs in Ulster. The story is told that these stones mark the grave of a giant called Green, and the townland is known as Greengraves. The team's good turn is collecting silver paper for the Hospital, Templemore Avenue, Belfast, and they hope to forward a large parcel after the holidays.

DIFFICULTY IN READING?
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PARLIAMENT AND THE CRISIS YEAR.

CHAMBERLAIN QUEST.

MUNICH PACT AND AFTER.

POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF 1939.

Politically the year ends with question marks over Europe. Will 1939 see the Prime Minister's conception of appeasement coming to fruition by, perhaps,

Some limitation of armaments,
A settling of disputes by negotiation,
A dispelling of the fear of war?

How will the impending question of Germany's demand for Colonies—over which Herr Hitler has said there will be no mobilisation—be settled in a world that has not of late grown more favourable to concession or compromise?

What problems may arise to affect the balance of strength in the Mediterranean, where the Spanish War goes on and Italy's cry for "Tunis, Corsica and Nice"—though not regarded as a serious threat—has not made the atmosphere any easier?

Those (says the Press Association Lobby correspondent) are a few of the riddles which the old year passes on to the new for an answer.

In seeking a solution there may be lessons to be learnt by looking back calmly over the momentous year that has gone, for in that time war came nearer to Europe than it has come before since 1914. Anti-aircraft guns appeared ominously at vantage points. Millions of civilians queued up for gas masks. The Fleet was mobilised. Sandbags were piled high and trenches were dug deep for refuge. It seemed as though no power could stop the crash of the nations over the precipice.

ORIGIN OF CZECH AFFAIR.

How did that crisis arise? How was it averted?

Actually it arose out of the last war. By the Versailles Treaty Czecho-Slovakia had been created as a kind of "buffer" State which kept other nations apart. Within its frontiers were a medley of nationalities, including Czechs, Slovaks, Hungarians, Poles, and 3,500,000 Sudeten Germans.

Crisis came because these Sudeten Germans demanded complete self-Government or incorporation with Germany. Herr Hitler supported them, alleging that they were being oppressed in Czecho-Slovakia.

France had Treaty obligations to Czecho-Slovakia and, although Britain had not, our position was that if France were threatened we might be compelled to intervene.

Rioting between Czechs and Sudeten Germans became serious and there was the danger of German troops entering Czecho-Slovakia to prevent "incidents." Such an invasion would probably have brought France to the aid of Czecho-Slovakia, and Britain to the side of France. Tension was at breaking point.

Then it was that Mr. Chamberlain made the historic, courageous decision that in the end, by common consent, saved Europe from war and won the admiration of the world.

BERCHTESGADEN AND AFTER.

He flew, on September 15, to Berchtesgaden—at 69, the first aeroplane journey of his life—and face to face with Herr Hitler over the conference table sought a way out of the Czecho-Slovakian crisis.

For three hours they talked together. Herr Hitler said he would be prepared to risk a World War over the question, and Mr. Chamberlain formed the opinion that the sole hope of a peaceful solution was the granting of "self-determination" to the Sudeten Germans.

Mr. Chamberlain returned to London, and M. Daladier, the French Prime Minister, with M. Bonnet, Foreign Minister, came over for consultation and drew up the Anglo-French plan. But this was not accepted by Herr Hitler when Mr. Chamberlain flew over again and saw him at Godesberg on September 22. Herr Hitler put forward unexpected new demands, but said that Sudetenland was the last of his territorial ambitions in Europe.

War preparations were accelerated in Britain and France.

Herr Hitler modified his Godesberg demands, and Mr. Chamberlain felt that differences had been narrowed to a point where is was inconceivable that they could not be settled by negotiation.

"LAST, LAST" LETTER.

So he sent, as he said, a "last, last" letter to Herr Hitler, and also one to Signor Mussolini asking for his co-operation for peace. No one who watched will ever forget the dramatic scene in the Commons when, as Mr. Chamberlain was unfolding what might have been the story of a heroic failure, a reply was passed to him from Herr Hitler inviting him—with M. Daladier and Signor Mussolini—to meet at Munich the next day—September 29. After a few hours the leaders of the four nations reached complete agreement for the settlement of the Sudeten German problem and the cession of territory to Germany.

A declaration was also signed by Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler expressing the desire of their two peoples "never to go to war with one another again."

Since then there has been much criticism of the work done at Munich on the grounds that we capulated and sacrificed Czecho-Slovakia. Against this, Government supporters point to the fundamental fact that a war, which would in any case have destroyed Czecho-Slovakia, never started.

Mr. Duff Cooper resigned his position of First Lord of the Admiralty at the end of the crisis and Mr. Churchill was among other Conservative critics of the Government who abstained from voting in some foreign policy divisions.

That, in brief, is the story of the crisis that overshadowed everything else during the year.

THE EDEN RESIGNATION.

Before it began Mr. Eden had—in February—resigned the Foreign Secretaryship because he disagreed with Mr. Chamberlain's policy in negotiating with Italy in circumstances which Mr. Eden did not think made success likely.

Signor Mussolini's contribution to the Munich settlement must not be forgotten and, although the international situation has in some aspects deteriorated since then, there is hope of valuable results from the visit to Rome on January 11 of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary.

The Anglo-Italian agreement is an important feature of the year, as are the pacts with Eire and the U.S.A.

Altogether some 50 Government measures and more than 20 private members Bills were passed by Parliament during the year.

These include the highly controversial Coal Bill under which coal Royalties are being purchased by the State for a total sum of £66,450,000 and provision is made for compulsory amalgamation of collieries in some circumstances.

Various branches of agriculture have caused the Government much trouble.

MILK BILL STORM.

Such a country-wide storm of protest greeted the recent Milk Bill that the Government withdrew it and will re-issue it shortly in an amended form.

Proposals to economise in certain experimental areas by reducing the number of competing distributors—and thus restricting the housewife's choice of milkman—were particularly resented.

Bitter complaints have also been made by barley growers and others, and subsidies have been increased.

Defence has been continually to the forefront, and in addition to Mr. Hore-Belisha's army reforms—including better pay—and the all-round speed up, there are now Sir John Anderson's voluntary national service plans which give everyone an opportunity of assisting, and his air raid precautions, which will include steel shelters for householders.

When Mr. Duncan Sandys put down a question which contained secret military information such a commotion was caused that a Select Committee was set up to investigate.

This Committee is still considering the position of M.P.'s who may use secret information in the course of their publications.

Another "personal" incident was when Mr. Shinwell, resenting a remark from Commander Bower, walked across the floor of the House and slapped his face.

Millions of workers will secure holidays with pay through Mr. Ernest Brown's measure and other Acts have been passed dealing with film industry development, civil aviation population statistics—with a view to ascertaining causes of decline—housing, the fishing industry, hire-purchase reform and many other matters.

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FRANCO'S PROGRESS

50 CATALAN VILLAGES TAKEN.

FAVOURABLE RECEPTION.

FOR THEY BRING FOOD WITH THEM

About fifty villages and hamlets of Catalonia have fallen into the hands of the insurgents in the past week's offensive (states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Hendaye correspondent.) The last and biggest of these is Granadella, a road junction at the foot of the Sierra and Llena. Franco's troops have been well received by the inhabitants, for lorries laden with bread and potatoes, beet, beans and sugar, are bringing them their most satisfying meals for months.

Many civilians, however, are entering the already congested district around Barcelona. Their accommodation and feeding may aggravate the Government's heavy burden this winter. On this the insurgent command pins its hopes.

Rightly or wrongly, it is held that hunger and cold unrewarded by news of military success will undermine Barcelona's hitherto determined spirit of resistance.

Notwithstanding Government denials, the insurgent advance is continuing slowly both on the right, south of Fraga and Lerida, and on the left, between the Balaguer River and Tremp. General Franco apparently has no intention this time of calling one of those long halts from which the Government forces have richly profited in the past.

Heavy snowfall on the mountain pass of Nava Cerrada, a few miles north-west of Madrid, frustrated the plans of the Chetwode Commission for a total of 6,000 prisoners and others to be exchanged across the front line, thus saving them the long journey round by land and sea.

The people waiting to leave the Madrid zone are those who have been sheltering for two years in foreign embassies and legations. The Chetwode Commission was persuading the insurgent and Government authorities to call a few hours' truce for the exchange.

But the negotiations were protracted by the Spanish authorities, and now the road chosen for its nearness to Madrid is impassable.

INTERVENTION IN SPAIN.

MESSAGE TO DEMOCRACIES.

BARCELONA, Friday.—The Spanish Popular Front has to-day addressed to all democratic governments, parliaments, political parties, and organisations, a statement drawing attention to the new evidence of German and Italian intervention in Spain provided by the insurgent offensive against Catalonia.

The statement emphasises the threat to all democratic countries represented by foreign intervention in the Spanish war, and urges all democrats to demand the complete withdrawal from Spain of foreign troops and war material.

"To put an end to foreign intervention in Spain," the statement adds, "will be to avert the catastrophe of a new great war a hundred times more terrible than the last."

DUCHESS OF ATHOLL'S MESSAGE.

BARCELONA, Friday.—In answer to a message from Dolores Ibarruri (La Pasionaria), the Duchess of Atholl wired to-day:—"I am sure that right will triumph in your country. We in England are full of admiration for the courage of your people."

"The Captain," in the "Wide World Magazine,"
January, 1939, states:—
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KEEN DEMAND FOR PIGS.

First grade York sows sold between 39s and 42s 6d per live cwt. at the weekly sale of pigs held by Messrs. R. J. Allam Ltd., in Oxford Mart, Belfast, on Friday. Second grade made from 36s to 38s, while less money was obtained for rough sorts according to condition. The highest price for sows was £12 and boars £4 1s.

With a full attendance of buyers present and supplies below the average a keen demand was experienced.

The following were a few of the weights and prices recorded:—

Sows—One, 5cwts. 2qrs. 14lbs., £12 (42s 6d); 1, 4cwts. 1qr., £9 (42s 3d); 1, 5cwts. 1qr., £11 1s (42s); 1, 4cwts. 3qrs. 14lbs., £10 (41s); 1, 5cwts. 2qrs., £11 2s 6d (40s 6d); 1, 5cwts. 1qr., £10 10s (40s); 1, 3cwts. 3qrs., £7 6s (39s); 1, 3cwts. 3qrs. 14lbs., £7 17s 6d (38s).

ROAD TRANSPORT BOARD.

DROMORE DEPOT ANNUAL DANCE.

Over three hundred guests attended the fourth annual dance held under the auspices of the Dromore Depot of the Road Transport Board in Dromore Orange Hall, last night.

Visitors from headquarters included Mr. D. L. Clarke (chairman of the Board) and Mrs. Clarke; Mr. A. Morrison (general manager) and Mrs. Morrison, and Mr. H. O. Moller (passenger superintendent). The ballroom was gaily decorated with bunting, fairylights, and other carnival effects. An illuminated Road Transport badge, wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, was particularly attractive.

Albert Crawford's dance band contributed excellent music while Messrs. David Rogan and James Fullerton were masters of ceremonies.

A highly successful function ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" at four a.m.

The following committee had charge of the arrangements:—Messrs. John Leinster (chairman), James Fullerton, Joseph Dowds, J. M'Cready, James Minnis, Robert Gailey, T. A. Montgomery, D. Rogan, William Murdock, Walter Thompson, Reuben M'Carthy, D. Payne, and H. Aughey.

BELFAST UNION.

PATIENTS AND INMATES TREAT.

Mr. Robert H. Donald, P.L.G., presented his Annual Concert to the patients on Friday evening. The Sydenham Prize Pipe Band rendered delightful selections during the evening under the conductorship of Mr. Taylor. The band performance was supplemented by a variety programme which was most enjoyable.

The following artists took part:—Master Billy Batten, Mr. Ashley Geoffrey, Miss Lilian Burton, Belfast Male Choir (conductor, Mr. Hodges), Bob Thoresby, Little Eileen, Miss Mario Lowe, Molly, Mr. Will Luff, Miss Peggy M'Candless, Mr. James Pollock, Curley Quinn, Miss Lavery, Mr. Taylor, Miss Atkinson, Councillor Craig, and Mr. R. H. Donald, P.L.G. Mr. W. Pierpoint was a capable accompanist.

Councillor Leacock proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Donald for his kindness in again arranging an entertainment for the inmates. Councillor Cochrane thanked the Chairman, Councillor Williamson, for presiding. This was supported by Mr. A. Cleland, P.L.G., who made appreciative reference to the assistance so readily given at all times by the Master (Mr. T. Browne) and staff.

Mr. Donald was greeted with hearty applause and in reply stated it was a great pleasure to him to be the medium of bringing a little pleasure and enjoyment to the inmates of the Institution. He returned thanks to the band members and artists who assisted him in making the evening an enjoyable one for all.

Miss Adams, matron, entertained the artists to tea.

SELLING LONDON CASINO.

Following a meeting of the liquidator of the London Casino, Mr. W. H. Cork, and members of the Committee of Inspection, the following statement was issued by Mr. Cork last night:—

"As the present revue ("Follies Superbe") has completed its normal run the committee and myself have decided to close down at the conclusion of the New Year's Eve performance pending negotiations for the sale of the business and the consequent reopening of the London Casino."

Ulster Office In London

NORTHERN IRELAND

VISCOUNT CRAIGAVON ON FRIDAY INSPECTED THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND AGENT'S DEPARTMENT IN COCKSPUR STREET, LONDON. SIR JAMES COOKE-COLLIS (NORTHERN IRELAND AGENT IN GREAT BRITAIN) POINTS OUT AN ITEM ON A MAP OF NORTHERN IRELAND TO LORD CRAIGAVON.

GUIDE FOR BOOKLOVERS

A Bright And Racy Record

"I KNEW THEM ALL." Trevor Wignall (Hutchinson, 7s 6d).

TREVOR Wignall is perhaps one of the best-known sports-writers of the present day. He has met everyone who is anybody in the world of sport on both sides of the Atlantic, and his decision to retire after 35 years of newspaper work will be received with regret by his many admirers. But had he not decided to retire the bright, racy and humorous record, "I Knew Them All," might never have been written.

The book is packed full of personal and intimate stories of people in all walks in life, but principally those interested in sport. A meeting between the author and Al. Capone, America's Public Enemy No. 1, makes very amusing reading.

He says:—"There were 15 other men at the table. Thirteen were swarthy and dangerous of aspect, and the majority made vain efforts to hide their guns behind bottles. I regarded them as the bodyguard"—not a very cheery party you would think, but it didn't upset Mr. Wignall, except, perhaps, when he had to pour the drink into his shoes to save offending the gangster, or risk being carried back drunk to his hotel.

A Vivid Picture.

MR. Wignall paints a vivid picture of the first night of "Journey's End," R. C. Sheriff's play, and shows how what appeared to be a "flop" was quickly turned to a huge success, and has since been played almost all over the world. Another chapter is devoted to Shirley Temple the child film star. Of her he says his meeting put paid to the fantastic and foolish tales he had heard or read. He found her full of childish fun, ready to play when the opportunity presented itself, a born actress, but a beloved child.

Boxing comes in for a fair share of praise and blame. Mr. Wignall, has followed with sympathy the rise and fall of all the best-known boxers and the tales he tells of one-time heroes like Jack Dempsey, Joe Lewis, Gene Tunney, Carnera, Carpentier, and others will delight even those of his readers who know little about the sport, but the real boxing enthusiast will scarcely agree with all he has to say about the merit of the different men, though it must be admitted he speaks with an authority gained from a long and close connection with the ring.

The Olympic Games are severely criticised. He says: "Nothing more callously professional has yet been invented than the Olympic Games. Runners who are supposed to be a little faster than representatives of rival countries are sent to foreign lands to become acclimatised, and winners are paraded so that they may be cordially thanked by their bosses, and presented with purses of gold, or its equivalent. After the Berlin Games Mussolini publicly mobilised the Italian victors, chucked his chin at them and handed over more liras than they anticipated seeing in a month of Sundays."

Critic Of Test Matches.

THE Test Matches also come in for a lot of criticism on the grounds that cricket is a game that should be played only in a friendly way—"The kind with teacups and cakes and humming bees and the smell of flowers—is sheer loveliness"—but how different the scene at Lords.

As for tennis, well, he just has nothing good to say of Wimbledon or the stars that take part in these games. He says: "Tennis, once a pat-ball method of whiling away an odd hour, is, from the point of view of amateurism and all it is supposed to mean, the biggest fake it is possible to conceive."

Very strong language; but Mr. Wignall seems to know what he is talking about, and he certainly has had every chance to view the game from the "inner circle," so his opinion does count for something.

"I Knew Them All" is full of reminiscences without a dull page from beginning to end. The pen sketches of notabilities are so well done that one feels almost on intimate terms with them, and although one cannot agree with many of his criticisms they are so nicely expressed we can't take too much offence.

"MISS BUN, THE BAKER'S DAUGHTER," D. E. Stevenson (Collins 7s 6d).

"MISS BUN, the Baker's Daughter," is just what its title suggests—a pleasant tale of ordinary, lovable people in a small town in the Lowlands of Scotland Beilford, with its historic walls and busy modern people is the counter type of similar little towns created in books by such Scottish writers as O. Douglas. D. E. Stevenson, the creator of Miss Bun, is a member of a literary family, as she is a cousin of Robert Louis Stevenson.

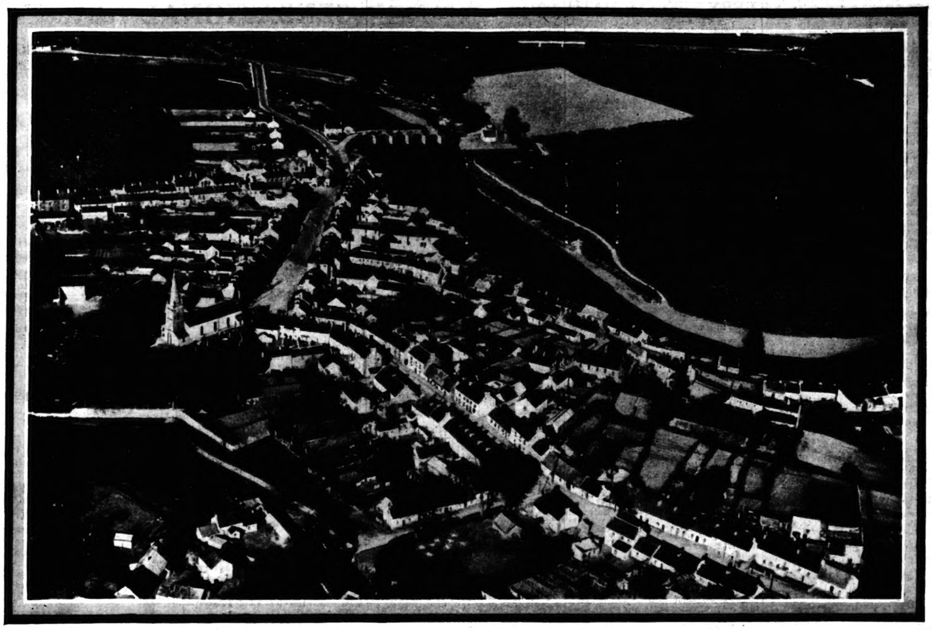
Sue Pringle, the baker's daughter, is the charming heroine of this delightfully simple book. Her story starts when she goes as cook to Tog's Mill, where a famous English artist has retired to work out a new medium for expressing his art.

The romance between Miss Bun, the Baker's Daughter, and Mr. Potts, the Painter, is hardly the smooth course of true love, especially as there is already a Mrs. Potts, the Painter's Wife, but with such a gentle, yet determined, heroine, it is inevitable that they should live happily ever after. Sue is an unusual type in modern fiction, simple and unsophisticated, with real personality and charm.

All Miss Stevenson's characters are clear and well drawn, the tradesmen, the Laird, and the artists are sketched with a sure touch and delicate humour. She writes of the town and of the country equally well, with a quiet charm and quality that is delightful to read and which leaves a pleasant memory behind.

PAGE FOR THE WEEK-END

ULSTER FROM THE AIR



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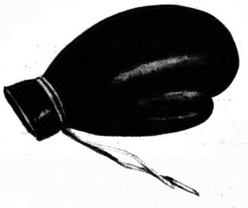

THEY NEVER COME BACK

Six-Minute Story, No. 30:

by LESLIE CORMACK

THE champion had already got the measure of his man. Once, twice, thrice his long left flashed into the older man's face; then he was out and away, dancing lightly on his toes well out of reach of the other's lunge. Again that left came over, quick as a snake's tongue, jolting back Mullin's head, again he was feet clear when the latter countered.

The buzz of voices round the crowded provincial hall swelled to a clamour, advice and encouragement blended. "Give it him, Slim." "Watch his left, Joe." "Oh, beauty, beauty!"

Joe Mullins received the champion's blows stolidly, without an eyeblink. He could take these sort of pushes all day long if need be, and not feel them.

His twelve years of scrapping in all kinds of rings, from the initial couple of years in boxing booths to his peak seasons when he had been third-liner at big London tournaments had toughened him pretty thoroughly. What were a few more clouts on the gob, more or less?

Besides, he had been lucky to get this fight Bouts had been by no means plentiful lately. Certainly the day when he had aspired to duck under the ropes with a title-holder seemed definitely remote and over.

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THEN from a visit to the promoter's office to see if there was anything to be picked up, had come this galvanising opportunity.

"Ah, Joe Mullins! Just the very man I want! How d'you like to fight Slim Fenton to-night? Corrigan's just busted his hand and we want a substitute."

Well—here he was in the ring with the redoubtable Fenton, taking his pasting thankfully, a slender but delectable wad of Treasury notes waiting for him in the office.

All through the first round the long left flickered in and out of his face. Sometimes Joe got one back. His flattened, pug face, when he moved to his corner at the gong, wore the unmoved expression of any other workman doing any other job of work.

The second and third rounds continued the same story. Fenton weaved in and out, light as a dancer, planting his left with monotonous regularity to Joe's nose and chin.

Occasionally he varied his attack with a tattoo to the body. Occasionally Joe got in one or two in the clinches. But it was obvious even to the uninitiated, who the master was. The supercilious grin on the champion's face seemed to say "He's easy. I can finish this just when I like."

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AS Joe lay back at the end of the third round, his second's towel flapping air over him, he caught a remark from somebody in a ringside seat below.

"It's a stick-up. They think anything does for the locals. I ask you! Fancy giving him Joe Mullins! Mullins was finished years ago."

Joe rinsed out his mouth, spat, glinting balefully at Fenton as he sat, spruce and cocky, joking with his seconds. A slow fury rose in him. "Finished, am I?" he fumed. "Stick-up, eh? I'll show 'em."

When the gong sounded he went in flat-footed after Fenton, intent on showing 'em. But almost as he swung his first blow he knew that it was no good.

The other was too speedy for him, too clever. He slipped out of distance easily, pushed the veteran off, the arrogant smile broadening on his face. Joe went after him doggedly, determined to land at least one blow that would hurt.

"Getting tough, Joe?" asked Fenton, as they wrestled in a clinch. "Not much use, y'know Joe. They never come back."

"You cocky young so and so," grunted Joe. "Stand still a second and I'll soon wipe that grin off your chops."

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WHEN the fifth round started, Fenton came in as if he meant business. There was more venom in his blows. He crowded on pace, plainly out for the kill. For about a minute Joe held him off; then, one, two—the champion brought over two smashing punches to the pit of the stomach.

Joe's knees sagged; his guard came down. Over went Fenton's right like a steam-hammer, straight to the point of Joe's jaw, and he slumped first bounce to the canvas.

That punch should have knocked Joe out, but he felt quite strong as he lay blinking up at the arcs. By some miracle, some inexplicable trick of nature, it seemed to have actually had a reverse effect and cleared his head. At "seven" he was on one knee. At "nine" he was up, amazingly fresh and confident all of a sudden.

For a few seconds he covered up, gathering strength. Then, as Fenton battered in, trying to finish him, Joe pulled one of the oldest of all ring tricks. Shamming grogginess, he lowered his guard, reeling slightly. Fenton jumped in, cocksure and wide open. Like a flash Joe ducked, feinted, rammed over a murderous punch to Slim's unprotected jaw, and the champion was down on his back.

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PANDEMONIUM shook the hall. At "eight" the gong saved Fenton. His seconds pulled him to his corner, worked on him furiously, but he didn't look good for much when the sixth round started.

A dramatic change had come over the fight, and over Joe. He ripped exultantly into his man, never giving him a chance to recover. Left, right. Left, right. The hall was in an uproar. "Never come back, eh?" Joe crowed. "Take that one. And that. How d'you like them, my cocky, clever champion!"

The champion was staggering, his face was a gory mess. For two glorious rounds the rejuvenated Joe drove him round the ring to the cheers of the crowd. Then he dropped him for the count with a perfectly-placed solar plexus blow, and the crowd went shouting mad.

Hats went up in the air. People were crowding round Joe, patting him on the back. Then suddenly the hall began to spin round him, and everything went black.

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HE came to in the dressing-room. Bill Warner, his pal, was bending over him.

"Well, I did it, Bill," he whispered. "I showed 'im who was champion."

"You were all right, Joe. That was a peach of a knock-out 'e got yer with, though."

"Knock out!" said Joe. "Why, I knocked *'im* out, didn't I?"

It took fully ten minutes, and the corroboration of several witnesses, to convince him. For a few seconds he stared, mystified, in front of him. Then a glimmer of understanding came into his eyes.

"What round did y' say 'e knocked me out?"

"Fifth."

"Two in the bread basket and then one on the jaw?"

"That's it."

A slow grin twisted across Joe's battered mug. The light in his eyes was almost idyllic.

"Blimey, Bill, boy," he said, "but what a luverly dream!"

THE LAST WINNER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. R. Montgomery, of 394 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, wins with this bright little snap of Brian Montgomery at play the last prize of 1938 in our Happy Childhood Photograph Competition.

Entries for the opening competition of 1939 should be addressed to "Child Photograph Contest," Belfast Telegraph, Royal Avenue, Belfast, and be posted to arrive not later than first post on Wednesday, January 4.

Remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want your print returned.

History In Surnames

THE SCATTERED FLYNNS

IT might be Flynn, or it might be O'Flynn, which would simply mean a son or descendant of a Flynn. But it began as Flann.

Now this in the old Irish would mean red, and it can rightly be inferred that the originals of the Flynns were conspicuous by their ruddy complexions. On this point, however, the ancient story of the Island of Lewis seems suggestive.

The Flannan Islands, which were regarded as "holy isles" by the men of Lewis were traditionally held to have derived their name from St. Flannan. But the historian of the islands has pointed out that Flannan came from the Cymric word gwanen, and that the "Gw" in Welsh becomes "f" in Gaelic.

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SO this prompts the alternative theory that Flann may have arisen from a reference to the woollen trade and wear of those who received the name, and only in some instances as a reference to the red appearance.

The name made its appearance in history, however, long before we were using surnames. Flann, or as he is usually called, Flann of the Monastery, was an alchemist, annalist, poet, and professor who flourished in the eleventh century. The Books of Leinster and Lecan contain the writings of Eocdaidh O'Flinn preserved from the tenth century.

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THE Flynns have been widely scattered, with landed families in Cumberland and the South of England, as well as in Ireland.

James Flynn was an eloquent member of Parliament for Cork in the later Gladstonian days. The Hon. Edmund James Flynn, K.C., went to Canada and made a great reputation. He was successively Solicitor-General, Minister of Crown Lands, and Prime Minister for Quebec.

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SIR Joshua Albert Flynn, K.C.B., C.B., was born at Sheerness, was assistant financial adviser to Lord Kitchener in South Africa, and was Director-General of Finance at the Ministry of Pensions during the war. He was also a novelist under the pseudonym of Owen Oliver.

Three Flynns sat in the last Dail—Hugo V. Flinn, John Flynn, and Stephen Flynn. Theodore Thomson Flynn is Ralston Professor of Biology, University of Tasmania, and has written many papers on chemistry and physics.

Next Week: MACNAMARA.

A PLAIN MAN'S SERMON

Stepping Into A New Year

I AM not going to say anything about New Year good resolutions; but I will try to set down some thoughts about what one of the most beautiful of the Collects call "the changes and chances of this mortal life."

We can never, I think, step across the threshold of a New Year without fear and trembling. For how can we know into what it is that we are stepping? What may not happen to us before its course is run? A very commonplace reflection, I know, but you will find it in the New Testament.

"Go to now ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city . . . whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow." We do not know what shall be on the morrow; and perhaps we have very great cause to thank God that we do not.

But, apart from some quite abnormal happening, either good or bad, we shall probably be safe in assuming that 1939 will prove to be for us much as all our other years have been—a year compounded of good things and bad; of happy days and unhappy ones; of light and shade; of fortune and misfortune; of victories and defeats in our moral life. It is in short, likely to be a mixture, as most years are. There will be black and white keys in it, as there are on a piano.

Somewhere or other I came across that thought about the keys of a piano; and it seems to me to be quite a good one for the beginning of a New Year. You can play some sort of a tune on the white keys of a piano, and some sort of tune on the black; but to produce a really good melody you must use both the white and the black keys.

(There is, of course, Chopin's well-known black-key study; but it must be I should think, the only one in the world and even that, I believe, makes some use of the white keys).

White Keys And Black.

AND we might say truly that this world is, in some way, the piano from which God draws forth the music that He wills to make; and it has, of necessity, its white keys and its black.

The same thing is true about our individual lives. God—or we ourselves—can play some sort of a tune on the white notes, and some sort of a tune on the black; but to make real harmony out of our lives and to draw the fullest melody from them we need both the white and the black.

That is to say that there has to be in life both evil and good; sorrow and happiness; light and shade; black and white. How many scales could you play on a piano if you used none but the white notes? Only one—the scale C. And if you were to use the black notes only, then you could play none at all.

How many people there must be who say to themselves: How splendid it would be if there were never any troubles, worries, losses or disappointments in life. Why cannot life be just happy always? And many a child, I daresay, thinks how lovely it would be if there were no such things as school discipline and lessons—if it were always holiday time.

But we know quite well that that would not really do. A life which was all smoothness and holidays would, before long, bore us to tears. We should very soon begin to find it tame, insipid, monotonous, and uninteresting. There would be no real melody or music in it; or, at best, only a kind of silly little tinkling tune without very much meaning.

So, if 1939 brings troubles, let us just try to remember that to get the best out of life we need *contrasts*, and that is why God has put those black notes there as well as the white. It is the only way to get a full melody. There were the black notes—plenty of them—in our Lord's earthly life, but should we ever have been able to think of it as the perfect life; if there had been in it no rejections, or disappointments, no Gethsemane and Calvary?

How Sin Can Help.

HOW little power would He have had to change the face of the world—as He has done, if it had been "roses, roses all the way!"

Or, again, it is likely enough that in 1939 there will be some black notes in the shape of moral failure, for which the Bible uses that plain, but unpopular word, *sin*. We shall, alas, do things which we regret, and of which we are secretly ashamed.

Now, I am not saying—God forbid!—that it is a good thing that we should fall into sin; but I shall not hesitate to say that it is a good thing that we should sometimes learn how weak we are, and taste of the humiliation of moral failure. Because there are no people in such danger as those who believe themselves to be good.

You had much better be a sinner, *and know it*, than believe that you are a morally superior person. It is our Lord Who says so; not I. You will remember that He always liked best, and spoke hopefully of, the people who knew that they were sinners, whilst He despaired of those, who believed that they were terribly good.

Some black notes, perhaps, in 1939! Yes, some things done "which we ought not to have done!" But if we are really sorry about them, then even these black notes may add to our lives that touch of humility and self-distrust and repentance, without which no life can ever produce music which is really beautiful.

For how very unlovely are the characters of people who think that they are too good ever to be able to do wrong!

REV. L. B. ASHBY.

THE DOCTOR'S CORNER.

A Home First-Aid Box

A VERY simple outfit is sufficient to deal with ordinary accidents in the home.

First, a bottle of disinfectant is essential for cleaning all cuts and scraches, and a small packet of adhesive dressings to apply afterwards.

A tube of tannic acid jelly is invaluable for immediate use in cases of burning and scalding, but if any oily substance is applied first, the tannic acid cannot act efficiently.

Finally one or two bandages one inch and 2½ inch, and some cotton wool and lint should be included, in case a pad should be required under a firm bandage for a cut which bled seriously.

GERMANY OUT TO BUILD MORE U-BOATS

EXTRA CRUISERS ALSO

THAT SPECIAL PROVISO

IS NOW TO BE EXERCISED

Germany has indicated her desire to build up to 100 per cent. of British submarine strength.

THIS IS A RIGHT GIVEN TO HER BY THE NAVAL TREATY OF 1935, BUT BEFORE EXERCISING IT THERE HAS TO BE FRIENDLY DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"CERTAIN RIGHTS."

A statement issued in Berlin last night said:

"A BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION HAS ARRIVED IN BERLIN TO DISCUSS WITH THE GERMAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT OF JUNE 18, 1935, AND THE MEASURES OF PROCEDURE LAID DOWN ON JULY 17, 1937.

"THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT RECENTLY INFORMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF ITS INTENTION TO EXERCISE CERTAIN RIGHTS ACCORDED TO HER UNDER THE TREATY TERMS."

BRITAIN ASKS "WHY?"

The British Government have asked the reasons for the German desire to build more submarines and are now awaiting the reply.

An official communique regarding Germany's desire to assume parity with Great Britain in submarine strength was issued from the Foreign Office to-day. It read:

"A meeting took place at the German Ministry of Marine on the morning of December 30 between British and German representatives to discuss certain questions connected with the Anglo-German Naval Agreements of June, 1935, and July, 1937. The conversations were held in a most friendly atmosphere.

"The representatives of the two countries expressed their views on the points at issue and the German Government will in due course give a definite reply in writing."

It is assumed in London that Germany will in fact build submarine tonnage to bring her strength up to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

ADMIRAL TO PREPARE REPORT.

Vice-Admiral Cunningham, the head of the British Mission, who returned by air to-day, will prepare a report on the Berlin discussions for submission to the Foreign Office.

This report will be communicated to the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax, who are both on holiday in Yorkshire.

TO ACQUIRE PARITY WITH GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY WOULD HAVE TO BUILD SUBMARINES OF THE APPROXIMATE TONNAGE OF 45,000.

So far as is known in London, Germany has not yet started to increase her submarine building programme.

RETURN OF THE MISSION.

Vice-Admiral Cunningham flew back from Berlin in one of the ordinary passenger service 'planes of the German line. He stated at Croydon that he had no statement to make. The other members of the mission returned later in the day.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The following official statement was issued in London last night:—

"The German Government recently notified H.M. Government in the United Kingdom, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Anglo-German Naval Agreements of June 18, 1935, and July 17, 1937, of its intention to exercise certain rights conferred upon it by those agreements. Representatives of the Admiralty left London for Berlin on Thursday to discuss with the German authorities concerned questions arising out of the above-mentioned notification."

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL.

The British representatives at the conference were Vice-Admiral A. B. Cunningham, Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff; Captain Danckwerts, Director of Plans at the Admiralty; Commander Lionel H. Bell, also of the Plans Department, with Mr. C. B. Jarrett as secretary.

The heads of the German delegation are: Admiral Raeder and Rear-Admiral Otto Schniewind.

The British delegation flew to Berlin on Thursday night and had an informal chat with their German colleagues the same evening, but the formal conference did not take place until yesterday. It was conducted "in the most friendly spirit."

GERMAN TREATY RIGHT.

It is recognised in London that Germany has only given notice of her intention to exercise her Treaty right, and though it may be hoped that she will be persuaded not to exercise it, or not to exercise it fully, it is realised there is no ground for complaint in the action she has intimated her desire to take. By the 1935 Agreement Germany agreed to limit herself to 35 per cent. of British tonnage in all categories of vessels except submarines.

In under-water craft Germany was given the right to build up to 45 per cent. of British tonnage, and there was a special proviso by which she might in special circumstances build up to 100 per cent.

It is understood that this was inserted because Britain had not great submarine strength, and owing to her policy it was thought she might be unlikely to develop this arm as much as other Powers.

Though British submarine tonnage has increased from about 50,000 to about 70,000 tons in the intervening years, she is still much behind France, Italy, and the United States.

OTHER SIGNATORIES TOLD.

With Germany's consent all the signatories to the 1935 Treaty—the United States, France and Italy—together with the others that have signed bi-lateral treaties linked up with it—Russia, Poland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland—have been informed of the notification Germany has given.

FRENCH MISGIVINGS

PARIS, Saturday. — Anxiety over Germany's claims to more submarines is expressed in French newspapers to-day.

"L'Ordre" sees confirmation of Germany's ambitions in Africa. "How can such aims be reconciled with the Munich peace?" "L'Ordre" asks. "Germany has shown once more what must be thought of and expected from the so-called policy of appeasement."

"Figaro" says that Germany will become Britain's principal competitor for sea power, adding—

"Let us no longer fear sudden applications of the brake by London or Paris. Let us on the contrary count on the enormous effort of Great Britain to maintain the freedom of the seas."—Reuter.

EFFECT OF GERMANY'S CLAIM

The "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Naval correspondent writes:—

Germany is claiming a modification of her naval agreements with Britain, which, if effected, will more than double the total tonnage and possibly the number of U-boats built and building which she now possesses and give her full equality with the British Commonwealth in submarine tonnage.

She will also acquire two further cruisers of the 10,000-ton 8in.-gun class, of which she already has three completing.

The German authorities conferring with the British representatives include Admiral Erich Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, and Rear-Admiral Otto Schniewind, Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.

A preliminary conversation took place on Thursday night, but the formal conference did not begin until yesterday morning.

I understand that Germany notified her new intentions only very recently and that the British Admiralty delegation flew to Berlin at short notice.

Germany already possesses 71 submarines built and building. This is two more than the British total.

This large number is due to the fact that all the German submarines built up to now are small or medium boats, the total being made up of 15 ocean-going boats of 712 to 740 tons, 24 sea-going boats of 500 to 517 tons, and 32 coastal units of 250 tons. British submarines, on the other hand, have a much higher average displacement.

BRITAIN'S SMALL AGGREGATE.

It is officially estimated that, should Germany hold out for submarine parity with the British Commonwealth, she would be entitled to build a further 45,000 tons of submarines.

In the unlikely event of these averaging, say, only 500 tons, she would add a further 90 units to her under-sea fleet, raising the total to 161 boats. It is more probable that a fair proportion of her new submarines will be large ocean-going craft. If she does resolve to build the extra 45,000 tons of U-boats she must deduct this figure from one or other of her man-of-war categories. The figure is equivalent to a battleship of the largest size, plus a 10,000-ton cruiser.

RUSSIAN INCREASE.

Since 1935 the British submarine total has been increased from 50,000 to 70,000 tons. It is, however, still the smallest of the great naval Powers.

In the matter of 8-in. gun cruisers the German case rests on a note attached to the Anglo-German Bilateral Naval Treaty of July, 1937. This brought Germany within the scope of the Three-Power London Naval Treaty of the previous year.

Although entitled to build five of these cruisers, she voluntarily agreed to restrict the number to three, "provided that no further vessels in this subcategory were laid down by any other Power." Since then Russia is understood to have completed four ships of this class armed with 7.1-in. guns, and it is probably this fact that has now prompted Germany to claim the two ships which she had originally waived.

AXIS POWERS AND MEDITERRANEAN.

STATEMENT OF PLANS

IN COUNT CIANO'S PAPER.

THE POSITION OF FRANCE.

"Il Telegrafo," the Leghorn daily newspaper, which is known to be in close touch with Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, reproduces an article written for the Hungarian "Pester Lloyd" by "Il Telegrafo's" chief editor, Signor Giovanni Ansaldo, who accompanied the Italian Foreign Minister to Budapest a fortnight ago, wires the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Rome correspondent.

This article contains a frank statement of Italian and German plans for their joint domination of the Mediterranean. The future of Europe, writes Signor Ansaldo, depends on the resistance made to the policy of the Rome-Berlin axis.

If this resistance gives way to a comprehension of Italian and German power and progress, an era of peaceful reorganisation of Central Europe and the Mediterranean will be possible, because Italo-German predominance will be left a free hand. But if obstinate resistance is offered by other Powers, Europe's future is a serious one indeed.

PURPOSE OF THE AXIS.

Signor Ansaldo begins with revelations about plans for the future of the Mediterranean.

He says that the action of the Rome-Berlin axis for the development of Europe will have two aims, one negative and the other positive.

The negative aim should be to keep French Russian influences as far from Central Europe and the Mediterranean as possible. They have no business in either zone.

The positive aim is to bring about in Europe and the Mediterranean a state of complete order based on the principle of nationalities modified by economic and historical needs.

France, concludes Signor Ansaldo, has practically lost all interest in the Continent of Europe, but in certain cases likely to arise in the Mediterranean she will oppose a solution agreeable to the Rome-Berlin axis, and will try to defend ancient positions based on privileges and injustice.

TUNISIA CAMPAIGN.

The Press campaign over Italy's claims in Tunisia calmed down yesterday. Except for an article by Signor Gayda, there is no comment in the newspapers.

This sudden lull may be due to the news published yesterday that the Italian claims in Tunisia and Djibouti will not be the subject of Mr. Chamberlain's mediation when he visits Rome next month, or that there are immediate prospects of negotiations between Paris and Rome.

The present situation may be summed up as follows:—

Article 13 of the War-time Pact of London is still the basis for Italy's claims to colonial compensation, in which it is alleged France remains her debtor. The Tunisian question has now been grafted on to that of colonial compensation.

Instead of opening negotiations for a settlement, as the Italians wish, France has answered with a series of diplomatic gestures which are considered in Italy to be so many setbacks to the chances of improved relations between the two countries.

THE "SETBACKS."

These setbacks are considered to be as follow:—

M. Bonnet's "impossible," formulated in a definite manner with his "not a single inch of territory," but without offering the possibility of discussion;

M. Daladier's coming journey to Corsica and French North Africa, which, rightly or wrongly, has been taken in Italy as an act of defiance;

The announcement that reinforcements have been sent to French Somaliland and Djibouti;

France's answer to the Italian Note of last week declaring null and void the Rome Pact of January 7, 1935, which provided for a settlement of outstanding Italo-French differences in Africa;

France's intimation to Mr. Chamberlain that she does not wish him to deal with questions pending between herself and Italy during his visit to Rome.

Signor Gayda's article is characteristic of the turn which the Tunisian problem has taken since it became known that France had ruled out British meditation.

Signor Gayda says he has no wish to carry on a permanent argument with the French Press, but, as France is now claiming through her military paper, "La France Militaire," the union of the Italian Island of Sardinia to Corsica and the demilitarisation of the Straits of Messina, he cannot help thinking that France is insulting her own intelligence.

THE WORLD NAVIES.

VIEWS OF GERMAN OFFICER

COMMENT ON BRITISH POLICY.

BERLIN, Friday.—In an article in the "Koelnische Zeitung" devoted to the building programmes of the world naval Powers, Captain Kupfer, who is attached to the German Baltic Sea Station, comments that world naval rearmament is now proceeding at a pace greatly in excess of that in 1914. "The motto, 'If you desire peace, prepare for war,' seems to be the principle behind the rearmament policy of all States," he declares.

Captain Kupfer doubts whether the American Fleet, including the vessels now building or ordered, is intended solely for the defence of the Monroe Doctrine, wires the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" correspondent. When the present programme of the U.S.A. is complete, he remarks, America will possess a total fleet of 28 battleships, 8 aircraft carriers, 55 cruisers, 147 modern destroyers, and 130 submarines.

England's policy, he continues, becomes clear when one contemplates the building programme which is to be completed in 1941. The American thesis of a threat to the American States by the Totalitarian nations is contradicted, Captain Kupfer maintains, by a comparison between the building programmes of Germany and Italy, Britain and U.S.A. The following table is quoted to show the number of vessels building or authorised:

	Germany and Italy.	Britain and U.S.A.
Battleships	12 ...	46
Aircraft Carriers...	2 ...	24
Cruisers	32 ...	126
Destroyers	110 ...	465
Submarines	140 ...	179

The building programme of Japan, states the writer, will probably be dislocated by the expenses of the China war.

GERMAN CZECH PAPERS.

ALL BUT THREE CLOSE DOWN.

PRAGUE, Friday.—As from to-morrow all German newspapers in Czecho-Slovakia, with the exception of the "Prager Tagblatt" and two provincial newspapers, will cease to exist.

Before the Munich agreement Czecho-Slovakia had nine newspapers published in the German language, including Bohemia, which could look back on 111 years of liberal tradition.—Exchange.

OFF TO SOMALILAND

THE FAREWELL SHOUTS OF SENEGALESE

MAKING REPORTERS FIGHT

WHAT CIANO'S PAPER SAYS

SIXTEEN OFFICERS AND 750 MEN OF THE SENEGALESE RIFLES BOARDED THE LINERS SPHINX AND CHANTILLY AT MARSEILLES TO-DAY EN ROUTE FOR DJIBOUTI. THE TWO LINERS WILL PUT OUT TO SEA AT NOON.

THE TROOPS WENT ON BOARD SHOUTING: "DJIBOUTI! DJIBOUTI!" AND "VIVE LE FRANCE."

GENERAL'S ADDRESS.

They were inspected before embarking by General Olry, Commander of the 15th Military District, who stated:

"A few weeks ago the capital was threatened, and apart from diplomatic moves the French Army gave a rapid and significant reply.

"To-day it is a question of the Colonies. The reply has been equally swift.

"The French Colonial Army gloriously conquered our Colonies. It will know how to defend them."

IF ITALIAN LAW IS PASSED.

"Il Telegrafo," the Leghorn newspaper, which is the mouthpiece of Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, to-day publishes a leading article urging that a law be passed compelling all journalists in time of war to fight in the front line.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT "EDITORS WITH THEIR ARTICLES BRING ABOUT WARS. THEY MUST CEASE WRITING AND FIGHT."

GERMANY AND THE STATES.

MINISTERS ATTACKED.

BLAME PUT ON JEWS

FOR "HYSTERICAL" AGITATION.

The German public will be informed for the first time to-day of the protest lodged with the United States Government on December 21 by the German Charge d'Affaires in Washington, Herr Hans Thomsen, against the speech delivered at Cleveland by Mr. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, on the previous Sunday, wires the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Berlin correspondent.

The vigorous rejection of the protest by Mr. Sumner Welles, the Acting Secretary of State, is, however, somewhat glossed over in the official communique. This merely states that "the American Foreign Department did not, as is usual in international relations when such cases arise, disavow the remarks of the Secretary of the Interior, but attempted to defend them."

"It must therefore be stated," adds the communique, "that so long as relations between the United States and Germany are governed by such a procedure, which obviously serves Jewish interests while neglecting genuine German-American interests, there is no basis for the improvement in mutual relations for which the American Foreign Department expressed a hope to the German Charge d'Affaires."

OFFICIALLY INSPIRED.

The cause of good relations between Germany and the United States can hardly be said to be furthered by a violent article which will appear to-day in the "Voelkischer Beobachter," the official Nazi organ.

The article bears all the marks of the highest official inspiration and is being distributed to the rest of the German Press by the official newsagency.

A significant light, it states, was thrown on the development of German-American relations under the present regime in Washington by the fact that the American Foreign Department had attempted to extenuate the "baseless attacks" made on Germany by Mr. Ickes.

That Mr. Ickes had delivered his "provocation" before a Jewish Zionist demonstration threw an even clearer searchlight on the internal alliances of the present United States Government.

"JEWISH PRESSURE."

It was Mr. Ickes, it adds, who, after the Hindenburg catastrophe at Lakehurst, had prevented the sale of helium gas to Germany on the hollow pretext that Germany might use her Zeppelins for an attack on America. In reality it was his "blind hatred" of Germany that led him to make this deplorable attempt to hold up human progress and thus discredit his own nation.

"Every normal man," declares the paper, "asks—'Why this hysterical agitation against Germany? Do the United States wish to let loose a conflict with the German people?'

"The German people want to live at peace with the American people, and cannot believe that the majority of Americans approve of the present hysterical and provocative policy of catastrophe adopted by Washington. It is only too obvious that the onslaughts of various members of the United States Government are only to be attributed to Jewish pressure, which has long placed in bondage the present regime in Washington."

LIMA "FAILURE."

It was quite understandable, continues the paper, that the United States had been embittered by their "failure" at the Lima Conference.

The present American Government, it was clear, had desired a success at Lima to recommend its rearmament programme to Congress. A German-American crisis was also welcome to make the gigantic rearmament effort, which placed everything that had preceded it in the shade, appear plausible to the American people. What was the game? asks the paper. Did Roosevelt want to play the policeman for the whole world?

Certain members of the American Government liked to divide the peoples of the world into the just and the unjust, just as Woodrow Wilson had done. The Americans ought to have learned from Wilson's failure.

Germany would have to take a more serious view of Washington's present policy, if she were not convinced that the Jewish warmongers in the United States would be unmasked in the end, and that there were healthy-minded men at work who would not permit their people to be plunged into a catastrophe.

"The following resolution for the New Year would certainly find an echo among the American people," the paper concludes. "One hundred and twenty-five million honest Americans—the 5,000,000 Jews in the United States excluded—would look on it as a service to their country if an end were put to the hysterical agitation against the German people, and if the American Government could find the courage to restore normal relations with Germany."

WASHINGTON'S ATTITUDE.

Semi-official German reports issued from Berlin yesterday, that relations with the United States show little sign of improvement, are unlikely to be denied in Washington. If there is to be any improvement, it is indicated, the first few steps must be taken by Germany.

The United States have still no reply to their protests against the non-payment of Austrian bonds. Neither has any assurance been given that American citizens will be exempted from the anti-Jewish decrees.

So convinced are many American officials that relations with Germany will grow worse before they can grow better, that they are undertaking a vigorous campaign to emphasise the military dangers of an attack on the New World as well as of economic penetration by the Totalitarian Powers.

ARE BANNED FROM ALL BUSINESS.

JEWS IN GERMANY.

FIRST NAMES CHANGED.

SAD OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

The exclusion of Jews from German community life will be completed when the clocks strike midnight to-night and the rest of Germany is toasting the New Year in German sparkling wine, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Berlin correspondent.

From January 1, under the decrees issued by Field-Marshal Goering after the pogroms last month, no Jew may own or manage any wholesale or retail business or work as an independent craftsman. With the State service and the professions already closed to him, it is difficult to think of any activity that will be left open to a German Jew in 1939.

The position of Jews as a race apart will be further emphasised after to-day by the fact that, unless their first names are included in a list issued by the Ministry of the Interior, they must adopt the name Israel if a man and Sara if a woman. This will affect the great majority of Jews in Germany, for the names in the list are mostly obscure Yiddish names like Bud, Feibisch, Pinkus, Geilchen, and Hitzel, of which few people have ever heard.

A few concessions which, according to official statements, have recently been made to Jews, are in practice valueless. It was announced that after January 1 they would still have free access to hotels and restaurants. As a matter of fact, most restaurants in Berlin and practically all in the provinces are barred to Jews, and outside the capital it is almost impossible for a Jew to find a hotel which will accept him.

SUFFERINGS IN CAMPS.

But these are small worries compared with the sufferings which many Jews have to face. Thousands of Jews are still confined in concentration camps, from which they have no hope of release unless they can find some means of emigrating.

Few reports of the horrors of the concentration camps reach the outside world. When prisoners are released they have to sign a statement that they will say nothing of their treatment, on pain of lifelong imprisonment.

I have spoken to Jews who gave me detailed accounts of their arrest, only to stop short at the moment in their story when the gate of the concentration camp was reached. But their faces and marks on their bodies speak volumes.

FRENCH PRETENDER'S PLEA.

The Comte de Paris, son of the Duc de Guise, Pretender to the Throne of France, has sent an article to the French Press expressing himself against a racial policy, wires the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Paris correspondent.

He asserts that Jews who have lived in France for generations and have been absorbed in the nation are Frenchmen. "To wish to exclude them from the national community, or even to deny their absolute title to French citizenship," he writes, "is to wish to weaken the country which they served and will continue to serve."

The Comte de Paris considers that France should adopt a special policy for both Jewish and non-Jewish emigrants. In his view they should be found work in factories and in the countryside, and should not be allowed to flood the professions. They should be progressively assimilated in the French nation after one or several generations.

"For us who are against racialism," the Comte writes, "no distinction of blood must be made to limit or prevent this assimilation of foreign Jews."

The Comte de Paris is exiled from France as a male heir to a Pretender to the throne.

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MURDER IN MEMEL.

PRO-NAZI AGITATOR THE VICTIM.

WAS RIDDLED WITH SHOTS.

INTENSE PARTY FEELING.

WARSAW, Saturday.—The discovery last night of the body of Christopher Klynz, most pro-Nazi of political agitators in Memel, riddled with bullets, threatens to turn the little Lithuanian port into Europe's latest trouble spot.

Klynz was apparently the victim of a political crime, and intense excitement is evident in all sections of the populace.

The Lithuanians hotly deny having any part in Herr Klynz's murder, but the Memel German Party just as strenuously accuse them of at least complicity.—Reuter.

U.S. FIRM'S BID TO DEFY HITLER.

"MEIN KAMPF" BATTLE.

FULL TRANSLATION LIKELY.

A legal battle over Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" ("My Struggle") is expected to follow the publication in America in February of an unexpurgated edition, which has not been authorised by the author, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" New York correspondent.

The American publishing firm, Stackpole & Sons, has decided to make a complete English translation of "Mein Kampf," in defiance of Herr Hitler's wishes.

If the firm succeeds in this attempt it will be the first time that a translation of the full work has been published outside Germany. When an attempt was made to publish a translation in France a few years ago Herr Hitler successfully invoked copyright laws and the book was not allowed to appear.

COPYRIGHT DISCOVERY.

A representative of Stackpole & Sons yesterday expressed his belief that the book is not protected by copyright in the United States. He believed, he said, that any legal action to prevent the sale of such an edition was not likely to succeed in American courts

He did not give precise reasons for his belief, but I understand that an authority on copyright law has discovered certain important facts hitherto overlooked by publishers who would have liked to publish the book.

Passages in the book dealing with Hitler's imperial ambitions, his views on South America and the status of Germans living abroad, have hitherto been omitted from foreign versions.

HITLER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

TASKS ENUMERATED IN 1939.

In a New Year's manifesto to the German people, issued to-day, Herr Hitler states that three tasks face Germany in the coming year, says the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Berlin correspondent.

1. The training of the nation as a true National Socialist community;
2. The strengthening of the fighting forces.
3. The execution of the Four Years Plan, which involves a solution being found to the shortage of labour, and the economic incorporation of the newly-annexed territories in the Reich.

In foreign affairs, declares Herr Hitler, Germany's place has already been chosen. The obligations arising from her friendship with Italy were clear and inviolable.

They owed Signor Mussolini the deepest gratitude for his historical services in the maintenance of peace during the past year. A tribute should also be paid to the other statesmen who, together with Germany, had undertaken to find ways and means of solving a problem which admitted of no delay.

The Anti-Comintern Pact was the other pillar of German foreign policy. Otherwise Germany's one wish was that she might contribute during the coming year to the general appeasement of the world.

SAVED FROM DISUNION.

Herr Hitler thanks the German people for its courage and firmness during 1933. By its wonderful demeanour, he said, it destroyed the hopes of the outside world that Germany might be overtaken by her ancestral weakness—disunion.

None of the so-called democratic Statesmen had as much right as he to speak in the name of their peoples. This had helped towards the settlement of a European question which had to be solved one way or another.

He was also filled with gratitude, said Herr Hitler, to the National Socialist Party movement, which had created the internal unity that had made it possible for him at the decisive hour to know that the strength of the nation was behind him and that he could thus stand up for the vital rights of the nation, even if this meant facing the last consequences.

He mentioned in particular the German farmers, who had assured the nation's food supplies, the workers, who had raised German industrial production to an extraordinary height, and the hundreds of thousands of men who had helped to invest Germany's Western Frontier with a wall of steel and concrete. Germany knew that no power in the world could break through this wall.

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PRO-JEWISH TAUNT AT BRITAIN.

MENACING BERLIN WORDS.

"COLLECTIVE SECURITY HAS GONE"

BERLIN, Saturday.—Britain is accused of attaching more importance to the friendship of Jewry than to the friendship of Germany in a review of the year appearing to-day in "Berliner Boersen Zeitung."

Menacing words follow:

"The Colonial question, which could be solved by agreement between Germany and Britain was subordinated to pro-Jewish feeling," the paper continues.

"It will be found each year on the agenda but perhaps under conditions which are less favourable to Britain, for in the meantime Italy has raised the question on a large scale.

"Collective security has disappeared from the realm of realities.

"With its 80,000,000 people Germany stands at the threshold of a great future, being the greatest racial unity among white people and in possession of the Continental key positions.

"The Mediterranean and the Far East remain the two great problems of world politics in the New Year.

"Undoubtedly the Mediterranean realm will gain importance in 1939.

"Also the Far East problem is approaching its solution. Great Britain feels that the world which appeared to her to be as secure for Great Britain as the Bank of England has been shaken and is on the move.

"One may rest assured that Great Britain with her tenacity will seek to bring about a development which is favourable to her. Of this her immense rearmament is the first indication.

"The old world wil not distribute gifts to the young nations in 1939 and will more likely stride through the world in storm and cloud than in sunshine.

"The counter-offensive of the war party will not fail to come to pass."

The "Voelkischer Beobachter," the Nazi party organ, says:—

"Twenty years after 1918 a single man saved the great powers of Europe.

"For the first time the miracle occurred that not the will of others, but our will remained victorious.

"That war was avoided was also due to the fact that we are prepared to use our entire military and political power in our struggle for Greater Germany."—Reuter.

FINES FOR PAYING RANSOM.

In an effort to stamp out the kidnapping menace in Tientsin Mr. Pan Yu-kuei, Mayor of Tientsin, has issued an order prohibiting the payment of ransom money.

The payment of ransom money, he argues, merely encourages the kidnappers to further wrongdoing and in no way helps to save the lives of the kidnapped.

The order lays down that a fine of 1,000 dollars (approximately £50) will have to be paid by those who fail to notify the police of any kidnapping cases. A fine of five times the ransom money will be imposed on those who settle a kidnapping case privately.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

YEAR ENDS HOPEFULLY

IMPROVING GENERAL TREND

BRITISH FUNDS' RECOVERY

LONDON, Friday Night.—In the past week business on the Stock Exchange has been interrupted by the Christmas holidays, and yesterday's and to-day's sessions were more interesting, mainly by reason of the indication that the pre-holiday recovery in British Government stocks is likely to continue, provided always, as the lawyers say, that the international political situation does not worsen.

The general view in the market is that last week's pressure to sell having ceased prices will naturally tend to improve to their previous level, and this movement is being assisted by a disposition on the part of the investor to pick up stock in the hope of an improvement in the New Year in view of the prospect of a big Government re-armament loan being made.

LOOKING TO FUTURE.

The Stock Exchange year has been most disappointing, and very few favourable features were noticeable. In the early months American markets were falling daily, and Steel Common stock was at one time under 20. Our trade, too, declined, and when Herr Hitler began his march to the East in the spring the troubles of the world were accentuated. International politics have since clouded the situation, and are still with us, but their effect is lessening.

Of the New Year there is a decidedly hopeful feeling. There is confidence that all American markets will rise in the early months of next year, given freedom from drastic legislation, and providing that President Roosevelt will refrain from disturbing business.

RAYONS' SHARP ADVANCE

In the Industrial market the outstanding feature has been the sharp advance that has occurred in the shares of the British Celanese Co. and Courtaulds on the revival of reports that negotiations between the two companies on price and production questions are making good progress—though inquiries at the respective companies' offices have failed to elicit any confirmation of these rumours.

Alvis, Ltd., shares have weakened on the disappointing report showing a net trading loss of £65,126 for the past year. A statement accompanying the report states, however, that the Air Ministry has now given the company some important work "which is progressing satisfactorily and is being continually augmented.

Iron and Steel shares have improved further on Lord Anderson's "shelter" stimulus, but Cable and Wireless stocks have continued to reflect the disappointment with the recent traffic index figure.

In the Foreign Bond market the feature is the strength of Chilian Bonds on the news that interest is now to be paid at the rate of £2 1s 10d per cent., as against 15s 8d per cent.

On the other hand, Egyptian Unified Bonds have continued on the down grade, and movements among the Central European issues mostly downwards.

Transatlantic stocks reflect yesterday's Wall Street improvement.

MINING MARKET FIRMER.

There has been little activity in the Mining share market during the much shortened working week, but the tendency is slightly firmer. Changes, however, are not extensive, Amalgamated Bankets have been supported on the meeting, while Western Rand issues have moved ahead on a little Cape support. Diamond shares incline harder, with De Beers Deferreds in favour. This company, however, was little affected by the big share deal. Tin and Copper have been inactive, and are little altered.

OIL SHARES QUIET.

Quiet conditions have prevailed in the Oil share market, and changes are mostly in the ascendant after having been of an irregular character.

Royal Dutch have been supported on Continental account, while Trinidad Leases show some recovery.

Venezuelan Concessions have risen to 1 3-32 on influential buying.

RUBBERS FEATURELESS.

The improvement in the commodity to 8 3-16d per lb. and the decrease of 455 tons in Rubber stocks has had little affect on the Rubber share market, changes being conspicuous by their absence.

Rubber Trusts and Anglo-Dutch have changed hands with a fair amount of freedom, while Patalings and Mount Austins have hardened to 1 13-32 and 21-32 respectively.

TEA SHARES STEADY.

Steady conditions have pervaded the Tea share market, and values have remained steady.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES IN 1938.

Promoters and issuing houses—it is assumed that the terms are synonymous—have experienced a poor year. Plenty of money has been required, but somewhat extravagant terms have been demanded owing to conditions. Underwriters have been generally called upon to take up a good proportion of their obligations and there comes a time when underwriting, however excellent it may appear, has to be declined. New capital issues in 1938 at £118,098,000 are the lowest since 1932, and compare with £170,906,000 in 1937. Government issues at £7,900,000 were little different from the previous year, and Municipal Loans, which aggregated £27,563,000 were £7,000,000 lower than in the previous twelve months, while Industrial issues slumped, being £34,000,000 less than in 1937.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL.

The Russo-Asiatic Consolidated, Ltd., which owned splendid mining properties during the Great War and which were confiscated by the Soviet authorities, was put in funds by the late Mr. Leslie Urquhart, so that the claim for compensation could not be prosecuted. At present the company can only pursue its aim through the British Foreign Office, and progress is so slow that nothing may be said to have been accomplished. It has been held that these funds, which have been estimated to amount to £40,000,000, including accumulated interest, cannot in present circumstances legally be released. It is now widely suggested that the British Government should take such legislative steps as are necessary to release these funds, on the understanding that they are applied towards the settlement of the claims of British creditors.

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF.

Many have forgotten that after the Great War concerns which had been working for the Government found themselves with huge plants and no orders. In fact, plants wherever possible were converted from the manufacture of implements of war to ploughshares, and anyone interested in such shares as Vickers, Dorman Longs, etc., suffered severe capital losses. At the meeting of Fairey Aviation Co., Mr. C. R. Fairey seemed to hint that history would repeat itself after the present rearmament scheme is completed. From his remarks it is deduced that the Government is making itself responsible for some of the cost of factories and equipment, and this is an inducement for companies such as the Fairey to lend all their support to the production of aeroplanes and other instruments required by our various arms of defence. The civil side of aviation is not being neglected by the Fairey Co., and when Government orders cease the company will not be left without a business.

WEEKLY BAROMETER.

RISES.

War Loan 3½ per cent. 98⅛+⅛.
Consols 2½ per cent. 70½+½.
Great Western Railway 28¼+⅛.
Cordoba 1st Debs. 56½+3½.
Watney Deferred 58s 10½d+4½d.
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Libanon 13-16—1-32.
Sub Nigel 11¾+¼.
Consolidated Goldfields 3 9-32+1-32.
De Beers 8⅝+⅛.

FALLS.

Egyptian Unified 85—3.

A FEW SELECTIONS.

It may serve no useful purpose to recommend a share for dividends and appreciation, for markets are so inactive that any immediate sharp advance is quite unlikely. In the industrial section Aircraft and Iron and Steel shares possess chances of improvement, and one confesses a strong liking for the best Oil shares. In Mines it is not believed that Randfontein Estates will be obtainable for long to yield 11 per cent., or that Oroville Dredgings, whose income is steadily rising, will be purchasable at 14s to yield over 8 per cent., on the dividends of last year. Mysores, at 27s, should be higher when the annual report is out in the spring, and our choice would not end with this Indian share. Mining markets seem as if they are at bottom, and it may be that most shares will show appreciation before 1939 has run its course.

JUTE INDUSTRIES POOR YEAR.

As was indicated the other day by the reduction in the annual dividend on the Preference shares from 4 per cent. to 3 per cent., the year ended September 30, 1938, has not been a good one for Jute Industries, the net profit amounting to only £32,363, compared with £53,451 for 1937-38. The net profit figure is arrived at after providing £1,941 for net loss incurred by subsidiary distribution companies and a transfer of £55,000 to depreciation and obsolescence reserve. A year ago the allocations included £60,000 to depreciation reserve and £10,000 to obsolescence. The amount now available, including £31,739 (against £23,283) brought in, is £64,102, compared with £76,739. The Preference dividend recommended absorbs £32,625 (against £45,000), leaving £31,477 to be carried forward. The directors state that the difficulty of securing orders continued for some months during the past financial year, but that during the concluding period there was an improvement in export trade, especially to the United States, and this, together with some Government orders, made it possible to re-start machinery which had been idle, and so to reduce overhead expenses. The directors have again to complain of the importation of goods of Indian manufacture continuing on a large scale unchecked, and that representations which have been made to the Board of Trade by the Association of Jute Spinners and Manufacturers and others interested in the jute industry in the United Kingdom have unfortunately so far not led to any Government action.

The Exchange Equalisation Fund has lost a lot of its gold in its efforts to support sterling, but its holding togetheh with the vast gold holdings of the Bank of England, should still be ample to maintain the external value of sterling at a suitable level.

It is fairly generally agreed that until a few months ago the pound sterling was seriously overhauled in terms of the dollar. That is why the British export trade was declining. Britain's imports continued to increase, and British industry's sales in the home market suffered from the intensified competition of imported goods.

Sooner or later import and export figures and other data will show that an adjustment is necessary if equilibrium is to be restored and the writer of an article on the subject in the "Midland Bank" review is inclined to take the authorities to task for not having tackled the subject earlier. The causes of the depreciation of sterling have been greatly accentuated by the huge demand for dollars on the capital account, arising from political unsettlement. Yet the movement to the present figure for dollars was chiefly important in that it made closer harmony between the exchange rate and relative price levels. In this respect it went far to remove at least one of the disabilities under which British trade has been labouring.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE.

The Pearl Assurance Company announces that the new ordinary life business effected with it during 1938, after deduction of reassurances, consisted of 48,885 policies assuring £8,230,510, with yearly renewal premiums of £416,600.

INVESTMENT TRUST'S REDUCED REVENUE.

The director's report of the Rio Claro Investment Trust for the year ended November 30, 1938, shows the reduced net revenue of £94,052 compared with £106,248 for 1936-37, the final dividend being 3½ per cent. making 6½ per cent. for the year, and £90,507 is carried forward against £77,893 brought in. The total distribution for the previous year was 8 per cent. plus a special anniversary bonus of 1 per cent.

STERLING AGAIN WEAKER.

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

DOLLAR'S IMPROVEMENT.

The foreign exchange market was more active, due to some extent to the announcement in connection with the Exchange Equalisation Account figures.

In the early hours the "control" was in action. Sterling was weaker on all centres.

American dollars improved to 4.64⅜, while French francs were slightly better 176 13-16.

Swiss francs appreciated to 20.59 and German marks to 11.57. The belga, the Italian lire, and Dutch florins all showed improvement.

The list read.—

Amsterdam	8.53⅜
Batavia	8.51⅜
Berne	20.59
Berlin	11.57
Brussels	27.56
Buenos Ayres	20.42½
Calcutta	1s 5 15-16d
Copenhagen	22.40
Hong Kong	1s 2⅞d to 1s 3⅛d
Madrid	100-200
Montreal	4.69
New York	4.64⅜
Oslo	19.90
Prague	135½
Paris	176 13-16
Rome	88⅜
Rio	3 1-16
Stockholm	19.42
Yokohama	1s 2d

LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

LIKELY TO COST MORE.

ONE RESULT OF CRISIS.

Premiums on new life insurance policies are likely to cost more.

An announcement to this effect is expected early next month, and it will affect "non-participating" companies out of some 65 effecting life insurance policies.

A clause excluding naval and military risks from policies, even when issued to civilians, is also under discussion. This clause has already been tentatively drawn up, and it is understood that arrangements have been made to bring it into force should circumstances necessitate the step.

A "Telegraph" representative was informed in Belfast to-day that the question, which arose during the international crisis, has been under discussion for some time past.

"Insurance companies, like many other interests, were not prepared for war," he said, "and they are merely putting their house in order for future eventualities."

Non-participating companies are those which issue policies without profits.

TO-DAY'S MARKETS

Belfast Report

GRAIN—Oats (new) 6s to 6s 3d per cwt.

BUTTER—Print 1s 3d to 1s 6d, lump 1s 2d to 1s 4d per lb. retail; farmers' 11d to 1s 2d per lb. wholesale.

BUTTERMILK—5s per rundlet.

VEGETABLES—Table celery 18s 6d to 36s, potherb celery 12s to 16s, parsley 12s to 18s, leeks 5s to 8s, beetroot 3s to 4s, turnips 6s to 8s per dozen bundles; cauliflowers 2s 6d to 4s per dozen; Brussels sprouts 1s 6d to 2s 6d per stone, savoys 10s to 12s, cabbage 12s to 16s—per 120; carrots 8s to 10s, parsnips 5s to 6s—per cwt.; turnips, Swedes, 11d per cwt.

POTATOES—Up-to-Dates, Arran Victors, Arran Banners, Arran Consuls, Kerr Pinks Majestic—2s 6d to 3s 6d—per cwt.

HAY—Upland new unseeded 2s 8d to 3s 6d upland old unseeded 3s 3d to 4s, meadow 2s to 2s 6d, timothy 2s 3d to 3s—per cwt.

FRUIT—Apples, extra fancy 20s to 25s, fancy 14s to 18s, ungraded 8s to 12s—per barrel.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Trade slow with light supplies on offer and prices about steady. Soles 1s 4d to 1s 7d, slips 1s to 1s 6d, lobsters 1s to 1s 10d, crabs 2d to 1s—per lb.; turbot 6s to 14s, brill 8s to 11s, plaice 7s to 14s, halibut 9s to 16s, lemon soles 10s to 17s, witches 6s to 11s, cod 2s 6d to 4s 6d, whiting 1s 6d to 4s, hake 7s to 10s 6d, haddocks 2s 6d to 6s, skate wings 5s to 7s 6d, roker wings 7s to 10s, English fresh herrings 2s to 4s 6d, Scottish 1s 6d to 4s 6d—per stone; live eels 15s to 28s, dead 6s to 20s—per draught; bloaters 3s to 5s, kippers 2s to 6s 6d—per box; oysters, natives, Whitstable 32s to 46s, Pyefleet 37s to 65s, Dutch 15s to 40s—per 100; periwinkles, Irish 10s to 14s per cwt.; shrimps 3s to 4s per gallon.

CARLISLE CATTLE.—The Irish cattle market on the Sands remained closed owing to the holiday season. Business will be resumed next Saturday.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR (Official Report)—Prices steady at the recent advance. Market will be closed on Monday.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Supply and demand fair. Soles 1s 4d, turbot 1s, brill 10d—per lb.; best plaice 10s to 12s, lemon soles 17s, whitings 4s, cod 5s, codlings 3s, small haddocks 4s, medium 5s, gibbed 5s 6d, large dabs 13s, small 6s, dogfish 4s, hake 13s, skate 7s, roker 8s 6d, ling 3s 6d—per stone.

LIVERPOOL PROVISIONS.—Northern Ireland eggs, selected 15s 9d, standard 17s, special 18s 6d. Tone quiet and steady.

IRISH MARKETS.

BALLYMENA.—Potatoes, 2s to 2s 9d per cwt.; hay, upland 3s to 4s, deseeded 2s to 2s 9d, meadow 2s 3d to 3s per cwt.; straw, 2s to 2s 9d per cwt.; oats, 5s 6d to 6s 6d per cwt.; flax (12 tons), 8s to 10s 6d per stone.

CARNDONAGH.—Eggs, hen and duck 1s 3d per dozen; potatoes 6d to 8d per stone; butter, country 10d to 1s per lb.; wool, white-faced unwashed 6d per lb., black-faced unwashed 5d per lb.

CASTLEDERG.—Butter, lump 8d to 10d, print 1s to 1s 4d per lb.; pork (64 carcases), standard prices; young pigs, 25s to 32s 6d each; oats, 7d to 7½d per stone; fowl, chickens 2s 6d to 3s 6d, hens 2s to 2s 6d, ducks 1s 6d to 2s each; eggs, controlled prices; potatoes, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per cwt.; hay, upland 2s 6d to 2s 9d, meadow 2s to 2s 3d per cwt.; oat straw, 1s 6d to 2s per cwt.; lime, 1s 9d per cwt.

COOTEHILL.—Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen; potatoes, 5½d to 7d per stone; turnips, 1s per cwt.; fowl, chickens 1s 9d to 2s, ducks 1s 6d to 1s 9d, hens 1s to 1s 2d each; creamery butter, 1s 7d per lb.

CULDAFF.—Potatoes 3s 6d to 4s 6d per cwt.; grain 8d per stone; eggs, hen and duck 1s 2d per dozen; butter, lump 10d to 1s per lb., print 1s to 1s 2d per lb.; fowl—fat geese 4s to 5s, chickens 2s 6d to 2s 9d each; upland hay £2 10s per ton; oat straw 2s 6d per cwt.; turf 5s to 7s per cart load.

FINTONA.—Pork (35 carcases), standard price; young pigs, 25s to 30s each; oats, 9d to 11d per stone; potatoes, 4s to 4s 8d per cwt.

KEADY.—Butter, lump 1s to 1s 2d, print 1s 2d to 1s 4d per lb.; pork (56 carcases) standard price; young pigs 25s to 40s each; oats 6s 9d to 7s 3d per cwt.; hens 1s 3d to 1s 9d, ducks 1s to 1s 6d each; eggs, standard price; potatoes 2s 9d to 3s 3d per cwt.; hay 1s 6d to 2s per cwt.

LETTERKENNY.—Young pigs, 20s to 25s each; potatoes, 4s to 5s per cwt.; butter, lump 10d to 1s, print 1s 2d to 1s 3d per lb.; eggs, hen 1s 2d to 1s 3d, duck 1s to 1s 1d per dozen; poultry, hens and ducks 1s 3d to 1s 6d, chickens 1s 6d to 2s, geese 4s to 5s each, chickens 7d to 7½d, turkeys 9d to 11d per lb.; hay, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton; straw, £1 10s to £1 15s per ton; turf, 8s per load; bogwood, 12s to 15s per load; oats, 10d per stone; wool, 5d to 6d per lb. (unwashed).

POMEROY.—Grass-seed (small supply), perennial 20s per cwt.

IRISH FAIRS.

BALLYMENA.—Cattle, calves under nine months £3 3s to £6 2s 6d, six-quarter-olds £5 12s 6d to £10 7s 6d, two-year-olds £8 15s to £13 5s, springers £12 15s to £24 7s 6d, milch cows £11 10s to £23; pigs, suckers 18s 6d to 32s 6d, 12-week-olds 28s to 34s, stores 34s to 42s 6d; brood sows £5 15s to £10 5s.

FIXED TRUST CHANGES.

Bank and Insurance 17s 9d—18s 9d.
British General A 18s—19s.
Capital Securities 5s 1½d—5s 7½d.
Cornhill Def 12s—13s.
First British 39s 9d—40s 9d.
Third do. 20s 9d—21s 6d.
Fourth do. 16s—16s 9d.
First Protected 16s 4½d—17s 4½d.
Second do. 14s 1½d—15s 1½d.
Gold Producers First 25s bid.
Do. Second 16s 3d bid
Do. Third 13s 6d—14s 6d.
Group Units:—
Oil 17s 9d bid.
Investors Gas and Electric 11s 9d—12s 9d.
General 15s 3d—16s 3d
Gold 17s 9d—18s 9d.
Keystone 13s 9d bid.
Limited Investment 18s—18s 9d.
Midland and Southern 13s 3d—15s.
National A 27s bid.
Do. B 17s 9d bid.
Transatlantic Trust (U.S. series) 17s 6d—18s 6d.
Universal Second Unit Trust 16s 4½d—17s 4½d.
Unit Investments, Ltd.—
British and Dominion Insurance Bank Trust—14s 9d, 15s 9d.
Transatlantic Trust (Canadian series) —17s 6d, 18s 6d.

FRIDAY'S CLOSING PRICES

Contango Day Jan. 9 Jan 23 Feb. 6 Feb. 20
Account Day Jan. 12 Jan. 26 Feb. 9 Feb. 23
Bank rate, 2 per cent., June 30, 1932.

BRITISH FUNDS.

Consols 2½ p.c.	70½	India 3 p.c.	75¾
Do. 4 p.c.	104⅞	Do 3½ p.c.	89½
Conv'sion 2½ p.c.	95 7/16	Do. 4½ p.c.	111
Do. 3 p.c.	98⅛	Nat. Def. 2½ p.c.	97⅝
Do. 3½ p.c.	98¾	Local Loans	83⅝
Do. 4½ p.c.	102 15/16	Victory B. 4 p.c.	107¼
Do. 5 p.c.	109⅝	War Loan 3½ p.c.	98⅛
Funding 4 p.c.	107⅝		

ULSTER STOCKS.

N.I. 4½ p.c. Gtd. Bonds	110½	Ulster L. 5 p.c.	112¼
		Do. 4½ p.c.	105

HOME RAILS.

Great Western	28¼	L. & N.E. Pref.	4 5/16
L M & S	13½	Do. Def.	2 7/16
Do. 4 p.c. Pref	43½	Metro. Assented	63¼
Do. 4 p.c. Pref 1923	29½	Southern Pref.	67¾
		Do. Def.	12⅝

OVERSEAS RAILS.

Antofagasta	9	Entre Rios	7
B.A. Gt. S'thern	13¼	Leopoldina	2
B.A. & Pacific	5¼	Sao Paulo	30
B.A. Western	10½	United Havana	1
C'tral Argentine	11¼		

FOREIGN STOCKS.

Austrian 4½ p.c.	59	French 4 p.c.	12¾
Belgian 4 p.c.	92½	German 7 p.c.	44
Brazil 4 p.c.	5¼	Do. 5½ p.c.	33¼
Do. 5 p.c. Fund '14	13¼	Japan 5 p.c. 1907	42½
		Do. 4 p.c. 1910	32½
China 5 p.c. 1912	36½	Peru Corp. Pref.	2½
French 4½ p.c.	12¾	Tokyo 5½ p.c.	47½

ART SILKS AND TEXTILES.

Bleachers	3/1½	Fine Cot'n Spin.	2/6
Bradford Dyers	3/1½	Linen Thread	29/9
Brit. Celanese	4/6	Listers	3/6
Calico Printers	4/0	Pat'ns & Bald'ns	2 15/32
Coats (J. & P.)	36/1½	Wardle & D'port	16/0
Do. B Pref.	27/0	Whitworth & Mitchell	7/3
Courtaulds	29/6		
Eng. Sew. Cot'n	1 7/16		

BANK SHARES.

Australasia	7	Lloyds A	59/3
Bank of M'treal	44¾	Martin	8
Bank of New Zealand	29/6	Mid. P'tly Paid	9 25/32
		Nat. Prov. "B"	70/6
Barclays B	75/6	Un. Bank Aus.	5 11/16
Canadian Bank of Commerce	37⅞	Westminster	91/6
Hong Kong & Shanghai	87½		

BREWERIES.

Barclay Perkins	22/6	Meux	22/0
Bass	110/0	Mitchells & Butlers	70/6
Benskins	62/9	South Africa	102/6
Charrington	60/9	Threlfalls	58/0
Courage	66/6	Watney Def.	58/10½
Distillers	89/4½		
Guinness	104/6		
Ind. Coope & Allsopp	74/0		

IRON, COAL, AND STEEL.

Allied Ironfders	19/0	Borden Cols.	23/9
Amal. Anth'cite	1/2	Lambert Bros	30/6
B'bcock & W'cox	37/9	Mather & Platt	2 5/16
Baldwins	6/3	Ocean Coal	2/3
B.S.A.	25/10½	Platt Brothers	3/4½
Bolsover Col'ery	38/3	Powell Duffryn	17/7½
Brown (John)	31/3	South Durham	26/9
Cammell Laird	7/9	Stanton Ironwks	37/6
Colvilles	22/6	Staveley	44/6
Consett Iron	8/9	Stewart & Ll.Df.	42/9
Cory (Wm.)	81/9	Swan,Hunter Df	28/3
Dorman Long	26/3	Thomas (R.)	3/6
Duffield	10½	United Steel Co.	23/6
Firth & Brown A	3 13/32	Vickers	23/1½
Guest, Keen	23/6	Ward (T. W.)	23/0
Hadfields	29/3	Whitehead Iron	4 19/32
Harland & W. B Ord.	5/3	Ruston and Hornsby	20/9
H'thorne, Leslie	15/10½		

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT.

Assoc. Equipm't	1 17/32	Lucas (J.)	56/6
Albion Motors	44/9	Morris Ord.	23/4½
Austin Ord.	24/3	Napier	10/3
Blackb'n Airc'ft	23/9	Pressed Steel 5s	15/0
Brist'l Aeropl'ne	23/3	Raleigh	29/0
De Havilland	50/0	Rolls Royce	5 17/32
Dennis Bros.	17/6	Rover	15/0
Fairey Aviation	27/6	Short Bros.	42/10½
Ford	15/5	Singer	2/3
Hawker Sid'ley	24/10½	Standard Ord.	16/10½
Imper'l Airways	28/0	Tilling (Thos.)	42/10½
Leyland	4 11/32		

INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES.

Brazil'n Tract'n	9⅛	Hydro Electric Corp.	4 17/32
C'dian Celanese	2⅞	Int. Hold. & Inv.	1½
Canad'n Pacific	6 7/16	Inter. Nickel	59¾
Celanese Corp. America	5 1/16	Radio Corp. Am.	8⅜
Electric & Mus. Industries	10/6	U.S. Steel Corp.	73⅞

NEWSPAPERS.

Allied N'papers	18/6	D'ly Mail Trust	24/0
Amal. Press	11/3	Daily Mirror	12/3
Ass'd News Def.	10/3	Sunday Pict'l	21/0

TOBACCOS.

Brit. Amer. Tob.	4 23/32	Imperial (G.B.)	6 17/32
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	24/9	Phillips Godfrey	32/9
Carreras A	6 9/16	Tob. Securities	3 3/16
Do. B	22/0	Do. Def.	1¼
Gallaher Pref.	30/6		
Do. Ord.	6 7/16		

INSURANCE.

Alliance New	25½	Northern (£1 pd)	19
Com. U.	9¼	Pearl	18⅞
Eagle Star (10s paid)	73/9	Phoenix (£1 pd)	14
		Prudential A	34⅞
Empl. Liab. (5s paid)	62/6	Do. B (4s pd)	92/3
		Royal Exchange	9⅜
Gen. Accident (5s paid)	92/6	Royal Ins. (10s paid)	8 3/16
Guard'n (10s pd)	13¾	Scot. Un. A (£1 paid)	17
Legal & Gen. (£1 paid)	4¾	Sun Ins. (5s pd)	81/3
		Sun Life	7½
Ld. & Lancs. (£2 paid)	27¼	World Aux. (10s paid)	24/4½
Lond. Assur. (£1½ paid)	15	Yorks (10s paid)	8¼
Ldn. & Manch.	19	Caledonian Ins.	19¾
N. British	10½		

CATERING AND STORES.

A.B.C.	17/6	Lyons	5 5/16
Army & Navy	23/0	Maple	23/32
Barkers	2 15/32	Marks & Spencer	55/6
British Home Stores	7/4½	Maypole Def.	2/7½
		Savoy Hotel	12/10½
Burton (M.)	10/6	Selfridge Pref.	1 1/32
Debenhams	2/7½	Spiers & Pond	4/9
Gamage	17/9	Stewart's Cash Stores	16/7½
Gt. Univ. Stores	27/7½		
Harrods	2 15/16	Swan & Edgar	20/3
Home & Colonial	3/0	Swears & Wells	13/3
Internat'nal Tea	11/3	United Dairies	52/4½
Lewis's	60/4½	Whiteleys	1⅛

ELECTRICAL AND SUPPLY.

Assoc. Electric	38/6	Ever-Ready	21/0
Br. Insulated	83/6	General Electric	76/6
Callenders	78/3	Henleys W.T. 5s	18/7½
Crompt'n Pk'son	23/1½	J'hnson Phillips	34/9
City of London	32/0	Metro. Electric	47/3
Clyde Valley	35/9	Midland C'nties	35/3
Co. of London	44/6	Nor'-East Elect.	29/9
Edmundsons	25/0	N. Metro. Elect.	44/6
Enfield Cable	51/9	Palestine	29/0
English Electric	33/0	Siemens	21/1½
Ericsson (5s)	38/9	Victoria Falls	69/4½

SHIPPING.

Cairn	3/4½	Furness Withy	17/1½
		King	16/9
Clan 5½ p.c. 1st A Pref.	21/10½	Lamport & Holt 5 p.c. Deb.	46½
Coast 6 p.c. Pref.	15/0		
Court	12/7½	R.M. Realisation	4/0
Cunard	2/9	Tankers	5/3
E.D. Realisation	3/6	Union-Castle 6 p.c. A Pref.	21/0
Elder Dempster Lines Holdings	22/7½	Do. Ord.	14/1½
France (Wm.)	19/0		

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES.

Amal. Metals	23/3	London Brick	2 11/32
A.B. Pictures	12/9	Lond. & Th. Hvn.	17/6
Assoc. Cement	3⅜	Low Temp'tures	2/1
Barry & Staines	35/0	Manbre & Gart'n Ord.	55/6
Bean Industries	17/6	Do. Def. (2s)	20/6
Beechams Def. (2s 6d)	7/6	Metal Box	75/4½
Boots Ord.	39/6	Metal Industries	19/9
Borax	27/0	Millar's Timber	3/3
Bovril	20/0	Moss Empires	21/9
Brit. Alum'n	54/10½	Murex	3 23/32
Brit. Match	33/9	Nat. Canning	25/6
Brit. Oil & Cake	40/6	O.K. Bazaars	23/3
Brit. Oxygen	3 17/32	Phillips Rubber Soles	22/9
British Plaster Board	25/4½	Pinchin Johns'n	23/4½
British Portland Cement	3 15/32	Prices Trust	1¾
		Radiation	53/0
British Ropes	8/0	Ranks	17/0
Cable & W. Pref.	76¾	Reed (Austin)	36/4½
Do. Ord.	35½	Robinson & Cleaver Ord.	25/6
Cerebos	8½		
E. K. Cole	6/1½	Do. Pref.	20/7½
Colman (J. J.)	3¾	Sangers	21/6
Crittall	10/10½	Sears	9/7½
Crosse & B'kwell	7½d	Schweppes	39/3
Decca Records	10½d	Scribbans	5/3
Do. Pref.	7/1½	S. Smith Def.	8/0
Dunlop	23/6	Smith Chips	26/6
Eastwoods	31/0	Spillers	57/0
Eno Props.	17/9	Soudan Plant'ns	30/9
Finlay (Jas.)	2 13/32	S.K.F.	15
Fisher & Ludlow	22/0	Swedish Match B	29/3
Forestal Lands	18/10½		
Foster Clark	29/0	Tate & Lyle	55/6
Gas, Light & Coke (£1)	22/10½	Tecalemit	13/0
		Timothy White & Taylors (5s)	23/0
Gaumont Brit. (10s)	4/0	Triplex Glass	31/3
Gen. Refract.	11/9	Trojan Holdings	6/4½
Gestetner	24/3	Tube Investm'nt	86/0
Hovis	4 13/16	Tunnel P.C.	1⅞
Hudson's Bay	21/9	Turner & Newall	77/1½
Imp. Chemical	30/9	United Molasses	22/0
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	31/3	Vine Products	14/10½
Imp. Con. Gas	11/4½	Wallpaper Def.	33/0
Internat'l Paint	3 13/16	White, Tomkins & Courage	33/3
Lever-Unilev'r	36/9		
Lever-Unil. N.V.	39/6	Woolworth	58/6
Lever 20 p.c. Pf.	18/3		
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	28/6		

SOUTH AFRICAN MINES.

Africa & Eur.	1¼	Mod. B (5s)	15/0
Anglo-Am. (10s)	2 15/32	Mod. East	4½
Anglo-French	13/16	N. Cent. Wits.	4/3
Brakpan (5s)	2⅜	N. Jagers	1⅛
Cam & M. (12s6d)	2⅝	N. Kleinfontein	2 27/32
Cent. Min'g (£6)	13¼	N. State Area	2⅝
Chartered (15s)	26/6	Nigel (10s)	61/10½
City Deep	1 25/32	Nourse Mines	2 5/32
Con. Gold S.A.	3 9/32	Palmiet (10s)	11/1½
Con. Main Reef	3 25/32	Randfontein	2
Crown (10s)	15¾	R. Leases (10s)	43/9
Daggafon. (5s)	2 3/32	Rand Mines (5s)	8⅛
De Beers Pref. (£2½)	11⅝	Rand Sel. (5s)	1 11/32
		Rietfontein (10s)	3/3
Do. Def. (£2½)	8⅝	Rob. B (7s 6d)	3 19/32
Durb. Dp. (10s)	3 1/16	Rose Deep	43/0
E. Dagga (10s)	xr 1 1/16	Simmer & Jack (2s 6d)	18/7½
E. Geduld	11 11/16		
East Rand Con. (5s)	5/1½	S.A. Lands (3s 6d)	4 1/32
		S.A. Town (10s)	9/3
East Rand Prop. (10s)	2 21/32	Spaarwater (5s)	6/0
		Springs (5s)	30/0
Geduld Prop.	9 1/16	Sub Nigel (10s)	11¾
Geldenhuis Deep	26/10½	Union Cp. (12s6d)	7 15/16
General Mining	4 9/16	Van Dyk (10s)	1⅝
Globe & Ph. (5s)	27/0	Van Ryn Deep	1 7/16
G.F. Rho. (10s)	8/0	Venters (10s)	1¾
Gov. Areas (5s)	1½	Vlakfont'n (10s)	1 17/32
Grootvlei	4⅞	Vogels (10s)	1 7/32
H.E. Prop. (10s)	1 3/16	W. Rand (10s)	1⅛
Johnnies	2 13/32	West Reef (5s)	1 7/16
Lace Prop. (5s)	1 5/16	West Springs	2 5/16
Langlaagte	12/6	W. Wits (10s)	6½
Libanon (10s)	13/16	W. Nigel (5s)	2/3
L. & Rho. (5s 9d)	4/6	Rezende	9/9
Luipaard (2s)	20/9	Cons. S.W.A. Diamonds	5/10½
Marievale (10s)	18/6		
Mod. New (10s)	1 5/16		

WEST AFRICAN MINES

Akim (2s 6d)	3/3	G.C. Select. (5s)	23/3
Amal. Bkt. (5s)	10/9	Konongo (2s)	3/9
Ariston (2s 6d)	9/6	Kwahu (2s)	1 13/32
Ashanti G.F. (4s)	4⅛	Lyndhurst (1s)	1/1
Atta (2s)	4½d	Marlu (5s)	12/4½
Bibiani (4s)	27/3	Nigerian (2s)	1/10½
Fanti Cons. (2s)	8/6	Offin River (5s)	2/0
G.C. Bank (2s)	3/4½	S. Banket (2s)	1/4½
G.C. Main (5s)	7/4½	Taqh & Ah. (4s)	1⅜

AUSTRALASIAN MINES.

Anglo-Aus. (5s)	1/1½	L. View & S. (4s)	19/0
Brk. Hill Prop.	2 3/16	N.K.U. (5s)	6/1
B.H. North	1 15/16	Sons Gwal. (10s)	1⅞
B.H. New (5s) (3s 9d paid)	12/1½	S. Kalgurli (5s)	¾
		S. Cross (5s)	1½d
B.H. South	1 3/32	Sulphide (15s)	5/3
Com'wealth (5s)	1/4½	Do. Pref.	11/16
Gt. B.M. & F. (5s)	10½d	Youanmi (2s)	2/0
G.B. Props. (2s)	7/6	Do. Pref. (10s)	7/3
Gold Ex. (10s)	3/1½	Wiluna	12/9
G.F. Aust. (5s)	5/4½	Zinc (10s)	3 15/16
G.M. Kal. (10s)	7/6	Do. Pref.	6¼

COPPER AND TIN MINES.

Ampat (4s)	4/0	Petaling (£1)	16/0
Anaconda ($50)	7 3/16	Rawang Con.	20/9
Anglo-Cont. (10s)	2/3	Renong Tin	30/0
Ar'mvo Sw.	1½	Rhodes'n Brok'n Hill (5s)	5/3
Assoc. Tin (5s)	6/1½		
Aver H. (5s)	22/6	Rhodes'n Anglo-Amer. (10s)	27/0
Bangrin Tin	1		
B.T.I. (10s)	13/3	Rhodesian Selection (5s)	17/3
Cons. Burma	9/4½		
Geev'r Tin (5s)	13/3	Rhokana	12
Gopeng Tin	8/9	Rio Tinto (£5)	14⅝
H. Kong (5s)	15/16	Roan Ant. (5s)	17/6
Ipoh Tin (16s)	1⅛	Selection Tt. (5s)	20/9
Kamunting (5s)	9/6	Siamese (5s)	1⅛
Kramat Pul. (5s)	11/9	S. Crofty (5s)	8/9
Lond. Tin (4s)	3/6	S. Kinta (5s)	11/0
Malayan (5s)	31/0	Southern Malay	1 1/16
Mawchi (4s)	3/9	Tanganyika	5/6
Messina (5s)	15/3	Tavoy Tin (4s)	2/0
Mount Lyell	1 1/16	Tekka-Taip	11/6
Pahang (5s)	12/6	Tronoh (5s)	1 1/16
Patani (5s)	2/4½	Zambesia	6/1½

MISCELLANEOUS MINES.

Burma (Rs9)	8/7½	Mex. Corp. (10s)	8/0
Camp Bird (10s)	3/7½	Mg. of Can. (np.)	7/9
Cham. Rf. (10s)	46/3	Mysore (10s)	1 11/32
Chosen Corp.	11/32	N.G. Venez. (5s)	2/7½
E. Af. Gld (5s)	3½d	Nundy (10s)	2
El Oro (5s)	10½d	Ooreg'm (10s)	7/6
Exploration (10s)	2/0	Rosterman (5s)	2/3
Fresnillo (np.)	4/9	San Frisco (10s)	5/3
Kentan (10s)	2/7½	Selukwe (2s 6d)	4/0
Ken. Cons (2s 6d)	6d	Trepca (5s)	9/6
Marsman (10s)	16/3	Watende (5s)	4½d

(Denominations £1 unless otherwise stated.)

OIL.

Anglo-Egypt B.	45/0	Royal Dutch	37¼
Anglo-Iranian	4 11/32	Shell	4⅛
Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	33/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	31/0
Apex Trinidad	27/6	Trin. Leaseholds	4 9/16
Brit. Con. Com.	1/10½	Unit. Brit. Trin	12/1½
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	5/0	V.O.C. Com	1 3/32
Canadian Eagle	9/0	Burmah	4 3/16
Mexican Eagle	5/3	Kern River	4/6
Phoenix	4/7½	Lobitos	1 17/32

RUBBERS.

Allagar (2s)	10½d	Jong-Landor	18/1½
Allied Sumatra	14/10½	Jugra	8/6
Anglo-Dutch	26/0	Kawie (Java)(2s)	2/3
Anglo-Java	9d	Kepong (2s)	2/7½
Anglo-Malay	8/9	K.M.S.	19/0
Anglo-Sumatra	24/7½	Kuala Lumpur	1 3/32
Ayer Kuning	24/6	Kuala Muda	9/16
Bah Lias	1 5/16	Labu (F.M.S.)	1 7/32
		Laras (2s)	9d
Bahru Selangor (2s)	1/8	Linggi	14/6
Batoe Kidoel	1 3/32	London Asiatic (2s)	3/5
Batu Tiga	1 9/32		
Beaufort Borneo	8/0	Lumut	15/16
Bertam Con. (1s)	2/7½	Malacca Ord.	1 1/16
Bidor	25/7½	Malaya General	22/6
Bukit Cloh. (2s)	1/9	Malayalam	28/9
Bukit Lintang	22/3	Merliman Pegoh (2s)	2/6
Bukit Mertajam (2s)	1/10½	Perak	1/6
Bukit Panjong (2s)	11d	Port Dickson (2s)	1/4½
		Rembau Jelei	15/9
Bukit Rajah	9/16	Rim (2s)	1/3
Castlefield (2s)	2/0	Rubber Trust	28/0
Cent. Perak (2s)	1/10½	Sarawak (2s)	1/0
Chembong (2s)	8d	Seafield	15/7½
Chersonese (2s)	1/7½	Seaport	10/7½
Cheviot (2s)	3/4½	Selang'r Rubber (2s)	1/3
Cicely (2s)	2/10½		
Diasinga	21/32	Selang'r Utd. (2s)	1/7½
Dalkeith (2s)	11d	Sialang	31/32
East Asiatic (2s)	2/0	S'apore Para (1s)	7½d
East'n Sumatra (2s)	1/9	S'apore Utd. (2s)	7½d
		Simo (2s)	2/9
Emerald	17/0	Sittang Val. (2s)	1/2
Gadjah (2s)	1/10½	Straits	11/16
Golden Hope	29/32	Strathmore (2s)	20/3
Grand Central	11/9	Tali Ayer	12/0
Gula Kal'mpong	1 1/16	Tandjong	31/32
Harrison & Crosfield	4 3/16	Tandjong Malim	25/32
		United Patani	17/6
Henrietta (2s)	2/1½	Utd. Serdang (2s)	3/0
Java Amal	12/9	Utd. Sua Betong	2 17/32
Java United	13/9	Vallambrosa (2s)	6/4½
High. & Low	22/0	Spot	6⅞d

RUBBERS (SUPPLEMENTARY.)

Banteng	12/0	Kambok (2s)	8½d
Bantam Java(2s)	2/0	Lambak	16/10½
Bekoh (2s)	10½d	Ledang Bahru	16/6
Chimpul (2s)	7½d	Lower Perak (2s)	9d
Con. Malay (2s)	2/9	Rani Trav'ncore	11/9
Dangan (2s)	10½d	Scot. Malayan	14/4½
Diapoera (1s)	9d	Semblian	20/1½
East Java	16/0	Sungei Buaya	23/32
F.M.S. Rubber	20/7½	Sungei Siput	2/6
Gadek	1 1/32	Telogoredio	16/6
Kali Java (2s)	6d	Waterfall (2s)	5d
Kalidjeroek	1/3	Yam Seng (2s)	1/9

TEA.

Amal. Tea Est.	15/6	Emp. of Ind.	23/6
Assam	17/0	Imperial	1 3/32
Brit. Indian	39/6	Jhanzie	21/0
Ceylon Plants	22/6	Jokai	1 7/32
Chargola	4/9	Jorehaut	1 11/16
Chubwa	41/6	Lebong	28/3
Cons Tea & L'nd	31/0	Lunuva	1 1/32
Darjeelg. Co.	19/0	Nedeem	22/0
Darjeelg. Cons.	21/9	N. Dimbula	47/6
Dooard Ord.	1 27/32	Nuw. Eliya	1 5/16
Doom Dooma	2	Ouvah	21/0
East Assam	37/0	Pabbojan	2¼
Eastern Produce	37/9	Singlo Ord.	30/9

Xr ex Rights.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Issue price.		Quotation.
£98½	London Power (new) 3½ p.c. Deb. Stock	2—1½ dis
£100	United Steel 4½ p.c. Notes (£50 paid)	1½—2 pm
£99	Hawker-Siddeley Aircraft Co. Ltd. 4 p.c. 1st Deb. Stock 1946 (£30 paid)	1⅜—1 dis
21/-	British Power & Light Corporation Ltd. 4½ p.c. Cum. Pref. £1 shares (11/- paid)	1½d dis 1½d pm
20/-	North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Co. 4 p.c. Cum. Pref. £1 stock (10/- paid)	4½d—1½d dis
43/6	County of London Electric Supply Co. Ltd. (9/6 paid)	1½d—4½ pm
£100	Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 4 p.c. 1955-70 (£10 pd.)	1½—1 dis
20/-	Scottish Stamping and Engineering Co. Ltd. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref. £1 (fully paid)	17/9—18/9
2/-	Do. 2/- Ord. (fully paid)	2/1½—2/4½
21/-	Weston Foods Ltd. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref. £1 shares (11/- paid)	9/6—10/6
20/-	Thos. Hardman & Sons, Ltd. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref. £1 (fully paid)	20/3— 21/0
2/6	Do. 2s Ord. (fully paid)	2/10½—3/1½

NEW ISSUE PRICES.

Inter. Hold and Inv. (new) 7.
Ind. Coope and Allsopp (new) 74s.
Attock Oil (new) 35s 6d.
Newman Industries (new) 3s 1½d.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

BIG MAJORITY IN SENATE.

PARIS, Friday.—The Senate adopted the Budget by the decisive majority of 278 votes to 16 this evening. As it leaves the Senate the Budget shows a surplus of 66,932,795 francs.—Central News.

LANCASHIRE POTATO PRICES.

The Potato Marketing Board, in conjunction with the Producers' Committees for the County of Lancashire, announce that the following are the recommended minimum prices for average samples of potatoes at the farm or loading stations to operate as from Monday, January 2, 1939:—Arran Banners and Great Scots 52s 6d per ton, Kerr's Pinks 62s 6d, Majestics, Doon Stars and Red Skins 65s Red Kings 70s, Gladstones 75s, and King Edwards 80s.

FARMERS PLAN PROTEST MARCH.

Suffolk farmers have decided to make a protest march through London on February 1 to emphasise the plight of the agricultural industry in East Anglia.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

London Merchant Bank—No distribution on "A" shares.

Nigerian Electricity Supply Corporation—Interim dividend of 3½ per cent. on Preferred Ordinary shares.

Charter Trust and Agency—Half-yearly dividend at rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference stock.

Goodwin Foster Brown—Half-yearly dividend at rate of 5½ per cent. per annum on Preference shares.

Jute Industries.—Profits from operations amounted to £83,216, compared with £118,471 in the previous financial year. As already announced, the year's dividend on the 8 per cent. Non-Cumulative Participating Preference shares is reduced from 4 per cent. to 3 per cent.

New Zealand and River Plate Land Mortgage.—Net profit £32,565 (£39,451). Dividend of 3½ per cent., subject to tax. Forward £25,066 (£23,751).

Rio Claro Investment Trust.—After allowing for Debenture interest, expenses, etc., and deducting £43,934 (against £45,481) for tax and N.D.C., net revenue amounts to £94,052, compared with £106,248 in 1936-37. As already announced, a final dividend of 3½ per cent. brings the total for the year to 6½ per cent. Last year 7 per cent. was distributed, plus a special anniversary bonus of 1 per cent. The balance carried forward is up from £77,893 to £90,507.

Gilt-edged Fixed Trust.—National Provincial Bank, Ltd., announces that the tenth half-yearly income distribution upon Gilt-edged Fixed Trust Certificates, due January 15, 1939, at the rate of 3.0812d net per sub-unit, will be paid on January 16, 1939, to certificate holders registered as at December 15, 1938.

BELFAST EXCHANGE

THE WEEKLY SURVEY.

BUSINESS BRIGHTENS UP.

IMPROVEMENT IN PRICES.

This was a short week owing to the Christmas holidays. Business opened quietly but later became more brisk than for some time past. Prices generally showed improvement but features of local interest were lacking.

British Government securities finished about ⅛ higher on the week. War Loan was dealt in at 97⅞, ⅞, 98 1-16, 3-16, 98, 98⅛, and finished at 98 1-16—3-16. 2½ per cent. Consols hardened to 70 7-16 and 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan marked 98 5-16 and 98⅜. 4½ per cent. Guaranteed Bonds fetched 110½.

Local Bank shares were firmer in tone. Northern Bank "A" repeated previous price, 90s, and "B" shares brought 43s. The former left off with sellers at 90s and the latter were offered at 44s, with buyers bidding 42s. Provincial Bank of Ireland changed hands at 52s.

A good number of transactions was recorded in the market for Corporation stocks, Public Boards, etc. Belfast 3½ per cent. 1942 stock fetched 99⅞. The 5 per cent. 1945 issue was dealt in at 107⅝ and 6½ per cent. Mortgages 1941 at 105¼. Harbour Commissioners 3½ per cent. 1961-68 stock was done at 96½ and closed with buyers bidding 96. Belfast Water Commissioners 5 per cent. 1946-61 stock brought 106⅝. Some 3½ per cent. 1953-63 issue changed hands at 100, closing with sellers at this price. 3½ per cent. 1963 stock marked 97.

There was no support forthcoming for local Rails. Some small odd lots of Belfast and County Down Ordinary fetched 2 and market closed with buyers bidding this price and no sellers under 5. Four per cent Debenture of this line was in demand at 39 9-16, 4 per cent Preference can be had at 5, Great Northern Ordinary is wanted at 4 and offered at 5. There are also buyers of the 4 per cent Debenture stock at 46½.

In the Industrial section, Spinning and Textiles were dull and idle. Belfast Ropework Ordinary and Preference are in request at 16s and 11 respectively with sellers of the former at 17s 3d. British Celanese Ordinary were done at 4s 7½d and 2nd Preference at 7s 11½d. J. & P. Coats Ordinary changed hands at 35s 6d and Courtaulds at 28s 10½d. Philip Johnsons were asked for at 7 without business resulting. Some Old Bleach Linen Preference are in market at 8s 10½d. Richardson Sons & Owden Ordinary are enquired for at 8s and Preference at 31s 6d. An odd lot of York Street Ordinary fetched 4s 10½d, and Preference were dealt in at 12s 6d, market closing with buyers of the Ordinary at 5s and Preference at 12s with sellers of the former at 7s 6d and of the latter at 13s 6d.

Local Stocks.	Shares	Paid up	Price	Dividends per ann.	Yield per cent.
Ulster 3½%	100	100	101⅞	3½	3 8 9
Do. 4½%	100	100	105	4½	4 5 9
Do. 5%	100	100	112¼	5	4 9 1
Guaranteed 4½%	100	100	110½	4½	4 1 5
Northern Bank A	10	2	90/0	10½	4 13 4
Do. B	10	2	43/0	5¼	4 17 8
National	5	1	52/6	12	4 11 5
Provincial Bank	8	1	53/0	12½	4 14 4
Midland Bank	12	2½	9¾	15	4 2 1
Do.	2½	2½	10⅜	16	3 17 0
Westminster Bank	4	1	91/6	20	4 7 5
Gt. Northern Rly.	100	100	4	—	—
Do. 4%Deb.	100	100	46½	4	8 12 0
Do. 4%Pref.	100	100	6	—	—
B. & C. D. Rly	100	100	1¼	—	—
Do. 4% Deb.	100	100	39 9/16	4	10 2 1
Do. 3% Deb.	100	100	38 15/16	3	7 14 1
L M S	100	100	13⅜	1½	11 4 4
Great Western	100	100	28¼	3½	12 5 8
Belfast Corp.					
Do. 1940	100	100	98⅞	3½	3 10 9
Do. 1942	100	100	99⅞	3½	3 10 1
Do. 1945	100	100	107⅝	5	4 12 11
Do. 1945/50	100	100	107⅝	5	4 12 11
Do. 1955	100	100	92⅛	3	3 4 7
Do. 1951	100	100	107¼	4½	4 3 11
Do. 1975	100	100	99	3½	3 11 8
Do. 1957	100	100	99½	3¼	3 5 4
Belfast Corp. Mort.					
Do. 1945	100	100	*94½	3	3 3 9
Do. 1950	100	100	96⅝	3¼	3 7 5
Do. 1943/45/53	100	100	99¼	3½	3 10 6
Do. 1941	100	100	105¼	6½	6 3 6
Do. 1940	100	100	100	5	5 0 0
Do. 1940	100	100	98⅜	4½	4 11 6
Do. 1945	100	100	*104 5/16	4½	4 6 4
Do. 1950	100	100	*106 1/16	4½	4 4 11
Harbour, 1973/58	100	100	96 11/16	3½	3 12 5
Do. 1961/68	100	100	96½	3½	3 12 6
Do. 1972/81	100	100	96	3½	3 12 11
Water.					
Do. 5% 1945/61	100	100	106⅝	5	4 13 9
Do. 5% 1950/60	100	100	111¼	5	4 9 11
Do. 3½% 1963	100	100	97	3½	3 12 2
Do. 3% 1953/58	100	100	*91 5/16	3	3 5 6
Do. 3½% 1953/63	100	100	100	3½	3 10 0
N.I. Electric Gtd. 1955/60	100	100	*91⅞	3	3 5 3
Belfast Rope Ord.	Stk	£1	16 1½	4	4 19 3
Do. Pref.	10	10	11	5	4 10 11
J. & P. Coats	Stk	£1	35/9	10	5 11 11
Linen Thread Ord.	Stk	£1	29/9	8½	5 14 3
Do. Pref. Ord.	Stk	£1	23/3	6	5 3 3
Do. Pref	Stk	£1	21/9	5	4 11 11
Old Bleach 6%Pref	£1	£1	7/0	6	
Richardson Sons & Owden,Ord	5	5	8/0	—	—
5% Pref.	5	5	30/0	—	—
York Street Ord.	Stk	£1	5/0	—	—
Do. 6% Pref	Stk	£1	12/6	6	9 12 0
Do. 4% Deb.	100	100	*82⅛	4½	5 9 3
B. Hughes Ord.	1	1	*34/3	10	5 16 9
Do. Pref.	1	1	*24/6	6	4 18 0
Do. Deb.	10	10	*11½	5	4 6 11
Inglis Ord	1	1	72/6	17½	4 16 7
Do. Pref.	1	1	28/0	6	4 5 9
Do. Deb.	5	5	115/9	5	4 6 6
Distillers	1	1	89/6	22½	5 0 7
Guinness	1	1	104/6	29	5 11 0
Arnott Ord	5	5	55/0	4	7 5 6
Do. Deb.	100	100	86	4½	5 4 8
Goorwitch,Ltd.Ord	5/-	5/-	5/0	—	—
Do. Pref.	1	1	*17/0	6	7 1 2
Robertson, Ledlie Ord.	1	1	16/0	6	7 10 0
Do. Pref.	1	1	22/6	6	5 6 8
R. Cleaver Pref.	1	1	21/1½	5	4 14 8
Do. Deb.	100	100	93¼	4	4 1 5
R. Watson Ord.	10	10	10 5/16	10	9 14 0
Do. Pref.	1	1	17/3	5	5 15 11
Young & Anderson Pref.	1	1	1/9	—	—
Fairbairn Ord.	1	1	9d	—	—
Harland & W. "B" Ord.	Stk	1	5/0	—	—
B. A. Tobacco	Stk	£1	95/7½	†40	4 3 8
Do. 6% Pref.	Stk	£1	29/6	6	4 1 4
Gallahers Ordy.	1	1	128/1½	27½	4 5 10
Do. Pref.	1	1	30/0	6½	4 6 8
Imperial Tobacco	Stk	£1	131/3	†25	3 16 2
Leahy Kelly Ord.	5	5	11½	13½	5 17 5
Sawers Ord.	1	1	20/6	6	5 17 1
Do. Pref.	1	1	19/7½	5	5 1 10
W.M.Cuthbert Ord	5/-	5/-	38/0	40	5 5 3
Do. Pref.	1	1	27/0	6	4 8 11
Dunlops	Stk	£1	23/6	9	7 13 3
Forster Green	5	5	5	6	6 0 0
Lever Bros. 7% Pf.	Stk	£1	28/3	7	4 19 1
Do. 8% Pf.	Stk	£1	30/3	8	5 5 10
Martin Estates	10	10	9⅜	4	4 5 4
M'Caw Pref.	1	1	13/1½	5	7 12 4
Do. Deb.	100	100	88⅜	4½	5 1 10
Vulcanite Ord.	5/-	5/-	*16/6	40	12 2 6
Wardens Ord.	5	5			
Do. Pref	5	5	*3 13/16	5	6 11 2
White Tomkins Ord.	1	1	34/3	10	5 16 9
Do Pref	1	1	22/6	5	4 8 11
N.I. T'port 4% A1	100	100	101	4	
Do 4% B	100	100	30	—	—

† Free of tax. * Ex dividend.

Bakery shares were neglected and there was no business marked in this section beyond a transaction in Inglis Preference which rose to 28s, leaving off with this price bid. Ordinary are wanted at 70s and offered at 75s. Debentures are also in demand at 115s 9d. Bernard Hughes Ordinary continued in request at 34s 3d and Preference at 24s 6d without business resulting.

Brewery and Distillery shares were very quiet. Distillers were done at 89s 6d. Guinness Ordinary were quoted 105s and Preference 146½.

In the market for Drapery and Furnishing shares there was little business passing apart from transactions in Robertson Ledlie Ferguson Ordinary at 16s, and Preference at 22s. At the finish the former were bid for at 16s and the latter offered at 22s. John Arnott Ordinary were wanted at 50s and Debentures at 85, with sellers of the former at 55s.

Fractional advances were marked in Tobacco shares. British American Tobacco Ordinary changed hands at 94s 9d, 95s 9d, and 95s 6d. Gallaher Ordinary were dealt in at 129s 3d and Imperial Tobacco of Great Britain Ordinary at 131s 9d. Tobacco Trust Ordinary fetched 62s 3d.

Business in Iron and Steel counters was quiet, though prices were better. Stewart & Lloyds Deferred marked 42s 9d, Dorman Longs 25s 10½d, and United Steel New 5s paid 8s 5½d.

There was an increased turnover in Miscellaneous Industrials. American shares marked improvement on the week. U.S. Steels brought 72⅞, and International Nickels 59⅞, General Motors 54½.

Elsewhere Imperial Chemical Ordinary fetched 30s 3d and 30s 9d. Employers Liability were recorded at 62s 6d, Sawers Ordinary at 20s 6d, Lever Bros. & Unilever 8 per cent. Preference 30s. White Tomkins & Courage Ordinary were done at 34s 3d. Other transactions were as follows:—Maypole Deferred 2s 6½d, United Molasses 22s 1½d, Gas Light & Coke 22s 10½d, Associated Electric Industries 38s 9d and 39s, Boulton & Paul Aircraft 8s 10½d and 8s 11½d, Tronoh Mines 20s 1½d, Turner & Newalls 77s, 76s 9d, Stavely Coal 44s 9d, Camp Birds 3s 7½d, Woolworth Ordinary 58s 9d, English Electric 33s 3½d, Morris Motors 28s 9d, and Associated Portland Cement at 69s.

Oil shares moved in favour of holders. Shell Transport Ordinary were dealt in at 80s, 80s 3¾d, and 82s 0¾d. Shell Unions at 15⅞, and Mexican Eagles 5s 1½d.

NOTICE.

The Stock Exchange and Brokers' Offices will be closed on Monday, 2nd January, 1939, being London Stock Exchange holiday.

COMPANY MEETING.

AMALGAMATED BANKET AREAS LTD.

MR. H. G. LATILLA, the Chairman, presiding at Thursday's ordinary general meeting, stated that plant and machinery had increased during the year ended March 31 last by some £150,000, and practically £500,000 would be required to complete the present programme. The company had no difficulty in obtaining loans for £250,000, for which shares at a premium of 2s each would be issued in settlement. Development was yielding results above expectations. After three years' work the company had five partly developed mines, Abbentiakoon, Tarquah, Mantraim, Pepe and Akontansi, each of considerable value, a comparatively small part having yielded proved ore reserves of 3,239,842 tons, with the promise of substantial additions. The company had distributed over £65,000 in dividends during the year. There would be a break in dividends in the current year, a temporary phase, as there would be a vast increase in revenue when the first 30,000 tons per month unit came into operation, probably by mid-1939. In a year the mines should be on the eve of the 60,000 tons monthly mark. Satisfactory development news is being constantly received.

Mr. Robert Annan gave detailed confirmation of Mr. Latilla's review, stating that most of the area was underlain by reef-bearing formation; the directors believed that they would build up a mining enterprise of very considerable magnitude.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously, together with the resolution for the capital increase from £1,750,000 to £2,300,000. 1,400,000 five shilling shares will be offered at 7s each to shareholders, in the ratio of one new for every five shares held.

GOLD HOLDING DROP

EXCHANGE EQUALISATION.

£145,000,000 LESS IN SIX MONTHS.

The gold holding of the exchange equalisation account went down by £145,000,000 between March and September.

This fact is revealed in the following official statement:—

"The Treasury announce that on September 30 the gold held in the exchange equalisation account was 21,634,000 fine ounces, and that held in the issue department of the Bank of England was 76,844,000 fine ounces.

"The total amount was thus 93,528,000 fine ounces, which at £7 an ounce would represent in round figures £690,000,000. At the same time the account did not hold more than a trifling amount of foreign currency."

The fall in the gold holding does not in any way indicate or suggest that there has been a loss in the operation of the fund. What it means is that now the exchange equalisation fund gets an addition to the liquid resources which it requires for its work. The normal operation of the fund is to buy or to sell gold against sterling, but the movement indicated by the returns is both significant and exceptional. At the same period last year the gold holding of the exchange equalisation fund increased by £115,000,000.

THE MARKETING OF EGGS.

WHOLESALE DEALERS' PRICES.

The Ministry of Agriculture has determined that the following shall be the prices payable by licensed wholesale dealers for eggs delivered during the week ending on Saturday, December 31, 1938:—

For hen eggs purchased by a licensed wholesale dealer from a purchaser 11½d per lb. Where the hen eggs were delivred by the producer to the packing store of a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, an additional halfpenny per lb. shall be paid.

For hen eggs purchased by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from a licensed wholesale dealer of Class B, 11 11-16d per lb. Deductions—Seconds and soiled eggs, ½d per egg. Rejects, 1½d per egg.

For duck eggs purchased by a licensed wholesale dealer from a producer 1s 5d per dozen. Where the duck eggs were delivered by the producer to the packing store of a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, an additional threefarthings shall be paid for each complete dozen so delivered. Deductions—Rejects 1½d per egg.

THE KING'S XMAS TREE.

GIFTS FOR ESTATE WORKERS.

About two hundred of the heads of departments and estate workers and their wives attended the King's Christmas tree and distribution of presents in the Ball Room of Sandringham House last night.

The recipients were handed their presents by members of the Royal family from tables round the room.

The King and Queen, Queen Mary, and the young Princesses took part.

TUDOR LODGE ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the inmates of Tudor Lodge, Crumlin Road, Belfast, was given on Friday evening by Miss N. H. Simpson, A.L.C.M., and some of her pupils.

The entertainment consisted of solos, duets, recitations, tableaux, sketches, selections by the Percussion Band, etc. Every item was given with grace and feeling and showed careful training.

Mr. A. Irwin, J.P., general secretary, presided, and said that the committee, officials and inmates of Tudor Lodge were deeply indebted to Miss Simpson and her talented pupils for the excellent programme they had rendered.

The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea by Miss Smith (lady superintendent) assisted by the Misses Huey and M'Clintock.

GOLD DEALINGS.

About 189 bars of gold, of the approximate value of £565,000, were disposed of in the London Market to-day at 149s 7½d per fine ounce, an increase of 2d compared with previous price. The question was based on supply and demand, and included a premium of 1d over the dollar at 4.64 13-16

D.W.D. Whiskey deservedly approved.
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BREVITIES.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Ulster Progressive Unionist Party on Friday evening in their headquarters, 8 College Square North, Belfast, future activities were discussed, and a programme drawn up for the coming year.

PHOTOGRAPH CANVASSERS.

The Proprietors of the "Belfast Telegraph" wish to inform their readers that no person has any authority from them to approach people who have been bereaved with a view to obtaining orders for copies of enlargements of photographs of deceased relatives.

MONDAY'S HUNTING FIXTURE.

Killultagh Harriers—Aldergrove, noon.

Wind Veering North

Rather Cold At First

TO-DAY'S weather forecast states:—

N.W. and N.E. Ireland—Moderate or fresh westerly winds, veering north and increasing; mainly fair at first, occasional rain, sleet, or snow later; rather cold at first, becoming slightly milder.

Further outlook—None issued.

Irish Sea - Light or moderate variable winds; occasional rain or sleet later; visibility mainly good; sea slight.

£1,249 JEWELS GONE.

WERE TAKEN OUT OF A COCOA TIN.

COUNTESS DESCRIBES LOSS.

MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Jewellery valued at £1,249, belonging to Countess Mary de Borch-Grave, was produced by a police sergeant from a cocoa tin at Woking to-day, when a man was charged with theft.

Richard May (32), described as a painter, of the Church Army Hostel, Southampton, was accused of stealing the jewellery from the countess's house, The Links, Worplesdon Hill. He was further charged with receiving the jewellery.

While the countess was giving evidence the police sergeant took the lid off a cocoa tin and extracted several paper packets containing the jewellery. He opened these and laid them on a table.

At a previous hearing it was alleged that May said, "I stole the stuff."

The countess, when asked to-day by the clerk when she had last seen her jewellery before the theft, replied, "On Monday morning. I can't remember the date. It was a fortnight ago."

May interrupted—"The 12th?"

The Clerk—You must not tell.

The Countess—Yes, it would be the 12th. It was at eight o'clock in the morning. All my jewellery was there then.

She missed the jewels when she went to get an A.R.P. badge out of a drawer in her dressing-table. The police later showed her all the jewellery with the exception of a three-stone diamond ring and two 5s pieces.

"TO GET JEWELLERY."

George Clark said that on December 15 he met May in a Salvation Army Home in Southampton. May asked him what he did for a living, and he replied that he gathered holly. May said, "That is no good. If you could get a lorry I could get you two or three thousand pounds quick. Do you know anyone who has a lorry?" He told May that he had a mate who had a lorry, and May asked if the mate would go to get some jewellery, as he had some "a-brewing."

They arranged to meet next day, but he (Clark) did not keep the appointment. When they met on Friday night May asked if he had spoken to his mate about "the stuff." He told May that he thought it would be all right. May said, "I will go and get the stuff. I have it buried." About an hour and a half afterwards he returned and said, "I have the stuff." "We went into my bedroom," Clark added, "and there he shot the stuff out and said, 'There you are, there's the stuff.'

"May said, 'Give me a call when you get up in the morning.' I didn't call him in the morning, but went straight to the police station.

"Later he pointed May out to the police."

SHOWED SAILOR "STUFF."

Christopher Blake, a seaman, of the Sailors' Home, Southampton, said he was approached by May who said he had some "hot" jewellery he wanted to sell. They went to Blake's room, where May took from his pocket "about two handfuls of assorted jewellery." May said that he had a lot more stuff like it buried all over the country. He asked me if I would find him a fence or a buyer," said Blake. "I told him I knew two people in London who might be interested."

When formally charged at the conclusion of the evidence May said he did not wish to say anything.

He was committed for trial.

As he was being escorted from the court, he passed the witnesses Clark and Blake and, pointing his finger to them, shouted "I'll make it up for the two of you later on."

STEPHEN DE LASZLO.

CONDITION VERY SERIOUS.

CRASH IN WHICH WIFE WAS KILLED

Mr. Stephen de Laszlo, the wireless expert, who was injured in a car crash in which his wife was killed yesterday, is on the danger list at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

His condition was stated to be "very serious indeed."

Relatives who travelled to Cambridge on Friday night were sent for by the hospital authorities to-day.

Fred and George Chardy, of Elmswell, Suffolk, who were also injured in the accident, were stated to be going on satisfactorily.

It was learned to-day that Mr. de Laszlo's dog was killed in the crash.

PURDYSBURN HOSPITAL.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS.

The following report was issued from the hospital to-day:—

Class 1 (dangerously ill)—376 400 458.

Class 2 (seriously ill, no immediate danger)—251 256 360 361 371 383 388 394 395 406 416 417 418 420 427 431 432 437 438 439 442 443 444 447 448 449 450 452 453 454 455 456 457 459 460 461 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 470 471 472 473 474 475 476 477 478 479.

Class 3 (ill, making satisfactory progress)—636 149 199 270 282 296 305 316 321 333 339 342 374 375 378 380 381 382 384 385 387 389 392 393 396 397 398 399 402 403 404 405 407 408 409 410 412 413 414 415 419 421 422 423 424 425 426 428 429 430 433 434 435 436 445 446 451.

Class 4 (convalescent and doing well)—All others.

NEWRY ROADS FROZEN.

CLERK OF MARKETS INJURED.

Newry this morning awoke to find itself in the grip of another icy visitation. The streets in places were extensively frozen over, and notwithstanding that road men were early on the scene sanding them several spills were reported.

One of the most serious was that to Mr. John M'Court, clerk of Newry markets, who, when going to Mass, slipped and fell dislocating his shoulder blade. He was removed to Newry General Hospital.

The Armagh, Louth and Down mountains are clothed in white—a tribute to the keenness of the visitation.

TEST MATCH DELAY.

HEAVY RAIN DURING THE NIGHT.

NO PLAY BEFORE LUNCH.

HUTTON AND PAYNTER SOON OUT.

CAPETOWN, Saturday.—Rain began to fall just before midnight and continued heavily early to-day. At 11-30 a.m., when play was due to start in the second Test Match it was still raining slightly, and soon afterwards came the announcement that there would be no play before lunch.

The wicket at the Newlands Ground is fully protected.

W. R. Hammond, England's captain and A. J. Holmes, the team's manager, inspected the wicket yesterday before the rain. Holmes said, "It is a good wicket, and it will produce a good game."

While the rain was still falling this morning Goddard, Paynter and N. W. D. Yardley, who is twelfth man in this match, amused the handful of spectators by crossing the ground under the shelter of a small multi-coloured sunshade.

Once the rain stopped the infield began to dry quickly. Hessian was used to help this process. It was decided to inspect the wicket at two o'clock.

After this inspection the captains agreed to make another, half an hour later.

During the period of waiting the crowd had grown to 3,000, and there was a mild demonstration in front of the pavilion when, after the second inspection, it was announced that play was only probable at 3 p.m.

There were damp patches near the pitch, but the wind was drying them gradually, and the outfield was also recovering.

It was later announced that play would begin at 3-30 p.m.

Hammond, who has not lost the toss in a Test Match since he became England's captain, won again and after some deliberation decided that England should bat first.

The Teams.

ENGLAND.	SOUTH AFRICA
Hammond,	Melville,
Valentine,	Mitchell,
Gibb,	Langton,
Farnes,	Rowan,
Hutton,	Wade,
Edrich,	Briscoe,
Paynter,	Nourse,
Goddard,	Van Der Byl,
Verity,	Davies,
Wright,	Gordon,
Ames.	Balaskas.

ENGLAND—First Innings.

Hutton b Gordon	17
P. A. Gibb not out	10
Paynter lbw b Langton	1
Extras	2
Total (for two wickets) ...	30

SHOCKING STORIES OF ITALIAN RULE.

ABYSSINIAN HORRORS.

CHARGES BEFORE LEAGUE.

WHAT DOCUMENTS REVEAL.

Accusations of Italian atrocities are made in a series of petitions, letters, and other documents received from Abyssinia, a selection of which are made public by the permanent delegate of Ethiopia to the League of Nations.

The documents, which have been forwarded to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, include also letters from the Italian military and administrative officers to Ethiopia chiefs.

In one of the petitions it is stated that in July last nearly 400 people at Mennameketewa were burnt alive by the Italians.

In another incident it is alleged that the Italians arrived unexpectedly, and invaded churches at the time of the celebration of Mass. "They cut the throats of the priests and the worshippers, including women and children, and set fire to the churches of three villages."

One letter purporting to have been written by an Italian captain reads—"You are to punish without pity all persons found in possession of arms and ammunition. I instruct you to burn not only their houses but the persons themselves. Besides this send the rebels to me."

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

TO AND FROM PORT OF BELFAST.

Arrived on the 31st inst.—

The ss Essonite from London via Cork with oilcake and meal.

The ss Bamboo and ss Parnasilla from Glasgow; the ss Helen Craig from Preston; the ss Donaghmore, ss Dromara, ss Eveleen and ss Ophir from Ayr—all with coal.

Sailed on the 31st inst.—

The ss Glendun and ss Roslea for Glasgow; the ss Essonite, ss Bamboo, ss Carrickmacross, ss Donaghmore, and ss Briar for Ayr; the ss Lagan for Workington.

Sailed from Rotterdam on the 30th inst.—The ss Trito (Boll) for Dublin and Belfast. Sailed from Danzig on the 30th inst.—The ss Orlock Head (Dick) for Dublin and Belfast. Sailed from Hamburg on the 30th inst.—The ss Holstenau (Dreyer) for Belfast.

Wireless report:—ss Torr Head (Heddles) due Belfast a.m. 2nd January from St John N.B.

DRAMA OF BURIED MINER

IMPRISONED NEARLY A DAY

WORKMATE DIES AFTER RESCUE.

For more than 23 hours rescue work has been proceeding desperately to release a miner buried yesterday beneath a heavy fall of roof timber and girders at No. 5 Upcast Pit of the West Cannock Colliery, Hednesford, Staffs.

The imprisoned man is J. C. Cooper (53), a stallman, of Hill Street Hednesford.

Another miner who was buried by the same fall, John Sherratt (53), of High Mount Street, Hednesford, was extricated last night after rescuers had been working for nine hours, but he died in hospital this morning from multiple injuries.

While the miners' friends and workmates were trying to extricate their comrade, Dr. J. G. Mitchell, of Hednesford, descended the pit to attend to them whe they rere released.

The men were engaged on excavation work in connection with the installation of a new engine-house and the fall occurred without warning.

Their comrades have been working in relays ever since.

DERRYMEN REMANDED

AT OMAGH SPECIAL COURT.

At a special court in Omagh on Thursday before Mr. J. P. Jamison, J.P., James M'Ginley and Daniel Sweeney, Maghera, County Derry, and Charles Sweeney, Kilrea, County Derry, were remanded to Omagh Petty Sessions on Monday on a charge of stealing fowl, the property of Daniel Devenny, of Drum, County Tyrone.

Sergeant Tease put in a statement made by M'Ginley, denying all knowledge of the affair.

UNCLE SAM STANDS NO NONSENSE.

"OPEN DOOR" IN CHINA

WILL HAVE TO STAY SO.

JAPANESE MOVE COUNTERED.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.—The State Department announced to-day that the United States Ambassador in Tokio has delivered a new Note to the Japanese Government.

The Note is understood to contain "a firm but flat refusal to recognise Japan's efforts to establish a 'new order' in China."

The Note replies to the Japanese Note of November 18 in which Japan attempted to maintain that the principle of equal opportunity and "the Open Door" in China had become obsolete in view of the changing conditions.

The Note defines the "fundamental position" of the U.S. towards Japan, and carries a tone of finality.

It follows reputed protests, representations, and Notes to Japan since hostilities began regarding American rights, property, and interests.—Reuter.

"DAWN OF NEW DAY"

HOW STATES WILL HAIL 1939'S ADVENT.

DINNERS AT £6-6 A HEAD

IN HOTELS OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—With most of the hotels charging an average of six guineas a head for dinner, New York is preparing to spend one of the most expensive New Year's eves since depression times.

No fewer than 1,500 extra hands have been engaged to augment the city's regular total of 15,000 bar-tenders.

Over a million people are expected to pack Times Square to see in 1939.

Shops have the lower parts of their windows boarded up to guard against breakages.

At the stroke of midnight millions will hear bands on the wireless in dance halls, restaurants and night clubs playing Gershwin's composition, "Dawn of a New Day," the tune which has been chosen as the theme song for the New York World's Fair.

New Year slogans are "Happy new era" and "Things will be fine in thirty-nine."—Reuter.

ULSTER AND BIRTH OF 1939.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.

THE ALBERT MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY.

To-night old year will pass away and the New Year commence. In many churches all over the city, and in the North of Ireland, the last hour of 1938 will be spent in prayer and praise, and doubtless the services will be well attended.

Many such services are advertised in these columns, and at all music appropriate to the occasion will be rendered.

It is anticipated that there will be a large attendance at the Albert Memorial for the time-honoured ceremony of welcoming the New Year.

A special late tram and bus service has been arranged by the City Tramways Department to facilitate those who will be out-of-doors later than usual.

NEW YEAR GREETING TO ULSTER.

ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR.

"PEACE, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY."

His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland issues the following New Year's message:—

My heartfelt wish is that 1939 may bring peace, happiness and prosperity to all in Northern Ireland.

ABERCORN.

"B" SPECIALS SHOOT.

INTER-DISTRICT EVENT IN KILKEEL.

At a "B" Special Constabulary shoot at Kilkeel last night, Newcastle No. 1 District was opposed to Downpatrick District. Eight teams competed, four from each district, and Crossgar with 336 points out of a possible 360 were placed first.

Other returns were:—Ballinran sub-District 324, Kilkeel 322, Lisnacree 317, Ballykielbeg 298, Cranfield 287, Downpatrick 250 and Killyleagh 235.

Four individuals scored possibles of 60 as follows:—Acting-Sergeant J. Law leagh), S.-C. Mooney (Kilkeel), Acting-Sergeant Egerton (Lisnacree).

Sergeant-Instructor Turkington was in charge of the shoot and Sub District-Commandant Randall was the official marker.

PORTRUSH SHOP FIRE.

EARLY MORNING OUTBREAK.

An outbreak of fire occurred at the drapery premises and dwelling-house of Mr. R. J. Hillis, Main Street, Portrush, early this morning.

Mr. Hillis was aroused and making his way from his bedroom to the hall found the place filled with smoke. He and his wife made their way to safety by the back entrance.

The fire, which had apparently started in floor joists running beneath the hearth in the sitting room, spread downwards to the shop, catching the stock behind one of the shop windows.

The Portrush Fire Brigade was summoned and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. Extensive damage, however, was caused to stock by fire, water and smoke.

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FUNERAL OF MR. NORMAN IRWIN.

The funeral of Mr. Norman Irwin took place this morning from his late residence, Maryville Park (Lisburn Road), to the City Cemetery.

Among the large attendance were representatives of the various bodies of the Presbyterian Church with which the deceased gentleman was connected—Mr. W. T. Ewing, general secretary, represented the Central Presbyterian Association. The B.R.A. Old Boys' Association was represented by Messrs. J. C. Picken (hon. secretary), W. M. Dick. W. M'Kinney and W. C. Tate, and the Academicians' Badminton Club by Mr. Ian M'Leod (hon. secretary).

The officiating clergy were Rev. W. Corkey, M.A., D.D. (Windsor), and Rev. J. S. Wilson, B.A., B.D. (Duncairn).

Messrs. Melville & Co., Ltd., Townsend Street, Belfast, were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

GRATEFUL PATIENT'S GIFT.

FOR DERRY HOSPITAL CHILDREN.

As a tribute to the care and attention received while a patient in Derry Fever Hospital a man called with Mr. A. W. Perry, J.P., clerk to the Guardians, on Christmas Eve and handed him a 10s note to buy toys for the children in the hospital.

Mr. Perry informed the Guardians at their meeting to-day of the gift, and said the man wished to remain anonymous. It was from a grateful patient. There were 19 children in the hospital on Christmas Eve, and the head nurse purchased 20 toys with the money.

The Board instructed the clerk to thank the donor.

The "BELFAST TELEGRAPH" can be Posted Daily to Subscribers at the following Prepaid Rates:—

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MARRIAGE.

M'KAY—CRAIG—December 26, 1938, at Belmont Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Richard Hall, M.A., B.D., James, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. William M'Kay, 82 Mountcollyer Street, to Jean, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig, 25 Ranelagh Street, Cregagh, Belfast.

DEATHS.

ANDREWS—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 72 Hillhall Road, Lisburn, Mary Jane, wife of the late James Andrews. Funeral on to-morrow (Sunday), at 2-30 p.m., to Lisburn Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Sons, Daughters, Son-in-law, Daughters-in-law, and Grandchildren.

BENNETT—December 30, 1938, at her residence, The Cottages, Church Road, Lower Castlereagh, Mary A., widow of W. J. Bennett. The remains of our dear mother will be removed from above address to-morrow (Sunday), January 1, at 2-30 p.m., for interment in the family burying-ground, Castlereagh Churchyard. Friends will please accept this intimation.

At rest.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Family and Grandchildren.

CREGAGH TEMPERANCE L.O.L. AND R.A.P.C. 906.

BENNETT—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge and Chapter regret to learn of the death of the mother of their esteemed Member, Br. James Bennett. Members are requested to attend funeral.

H. WILLIAMSON, W.M.
J. HAMILTON, P.M., Secy.
W. J. MARTIN, W.M.
T. AULD, Reg.

BOYD—December 30, 1938, at the Hospital, Lisburn Road, James, dearly-loved husband of Sarah Boyd. Funeral from his late residence, 41 Medway Street, on Monday, at 2-30 p.m. to Dundonald Cemetery.

He left us, oh, so quickly,
He never said good-bye,
But we know we shall meet him
In that beautiful home on high.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Children, Joseph, Meta, and James; also his Mother-in-law, Martha Patterson; Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law, Joseph and Margaret Patterson, 68 Church Street East.

BOYD—December 30, 1938, at the Hospital, Lisburn Road, James, dearly-loved son of Margaret and Taylor Boyd.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Father and Mother Brother and sister, Thomas and Elizabeth also his Uncle, Thomas Atkinson, 35 Coburg street; also his Brother John and Brother and Sister-in-law, Samueland Margaret Boyd, and Family, 45 Roseberry Gaardens; also Sister and Brother-in-law and Family, May and William M'Bride, 65 Imperial Street.; also Brother and Sister-in-law and Family, Taylor and Nina Boyd, and Aunt Mary, 37 Imperial Street; also Sister and Brother-in-law, Andrew and Kathleen Lyness, 75 Templemore Street; also Sister and Brother-in-law, Margaret and James Richardson, 91 London Road.

BRADLEY—December 30, 1938, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Mary (Minnie), dearly-beloved wife of Thomas Bradley, 34 Chamberlain Street. Funeral from above address on Monday, at 2 p.m., to Dundonald Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

"Resting where no shadows fall."

Deeply regretted by her loving Husband.
THOMAS BRADLEY.

Also her Father-in-law and Mother-in-law. Whiteabbey.

BRADLEY—December 30, 1938, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Mary (Minnie), dearly-beloved daughter of Mary and the late William J. Service, 305 Albertbridge Road.

At the river's crystal brink
Christ shall join each broken link.

Deeply regretted by her loving Mother, Sisters and Brothers, Sisters-in-law, Brothers-in-law, Nephews and Nieces.

JOHN H. GAULT MEMORIAL L.O.L. No. 1187.

BRADLEY—The Officers and Members of above Lodge regret to learn of the death of the wife of their esteemed Brother, Thomas Bradley. Officers and Members are requested to attend the funeral.

A. GREEN, W.M.
R. WILSON, Reg.

COATES—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 24 Argyle Street, Margaret, beloved sister of Minnie Brown.

Deeply regretted by her Sister and Brother-in-law.

MINNIE AND JOSEPH BROWN.
11 Snugville Street.

COATES—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 24 Argyle Street, Margaret, beloved sister of Agnes Trouten.

At rest.

Deeply regretted by her Sister, Brother-in-law and Nieces.

AGNES AND HENRY TROUTEN.
7 Snugville Street.

COATES—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 24 Argyle Street, Margaret J., widow of William Coates. Funeral on Monday, at 2-30 p.m., to City Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Granddaughter, Husband, and Family.

EDITH AND ALFRED FERRIS.

Also little Alfie and Peggy.

COATES—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 24 Argyle Street, Margaret, widow of William Coates. Funeral from above address on Monday, at 2-30, to City Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by her loving Grandsons.
HAROLD AND VICTOR.

RISING SONS OF PORTADOWN L.O.L. 1336.

COATES—The Officers and Members of above Lodge regret to learn of the death of the grandmother of their esteemed Member, Br. Victor M'Crudden, and extend to him and relatives their sincere sympathy. Brethren are requested to attend the funeral.

JAMES OSBORNE, W.M.
GEORGE OSBORNE, Secy.

SHANKILL BLUE SUPPORTERS' CLUB.

COATES—The Members of above Club regret the death of the Grandmother of their highly-esteemed Members, Victor and Harold M'Crudden. Would Members please attend funeral.

H. TANNER, Secy.
G. M'LAUGHLIN, Treas.

COLEMAN—December 31, 1938, at Marathon, Antrim Road, Margaret Marshall (Auntie). House and funeral strictly private. No flowers, please.

COYLE—December 30, 1938 (suddenly), at her residence, 18 Alexandra Park Avenue, Mary, the dearly-beloved wife of the late William Coyle. Her remains will be removed from the above address on Monday, at 2 o'clock, for interment in Carnmoney Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

It's only good-night, dear mother,
As we used to always say;
We'll meet again in the morn,
At the dawn of a happier day.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Family and Sister.

18 Alexandra Park Avenue.

COYLE—December 30, 1938 (suddenly), at her residence, 18 Alexandra Park Avenue, Mary, the dearly-beloved wife of the late William Coyle. Her remains will be removed from the above address, at 2 o'clock, on Monday, for interment in Carnmoney Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Daughter and Son-in-law.

MAY AND JAMES BALL.

Also her three Grandchildren, Gladys, Stanley and Norman.

28 Fortwilliam Parade.

DONALDSON—December 30, 1938, at 124 Frances Street, Newtownards, Jack Donaldson (Bricklayer). The remains of my beloved husband will be removed for interment in Movilla Cemetery, on Monday, at 2-30 p.m.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Family.

SARAH DONALDSON.

Also his Sister-in-law.

MAGGIE CARSER.

DONALDSON—December 30, 1938, at 124 Frances Street, Newtownards, Jack Donaldson (Bricklayer). Funeral to Movilla Cemetery on Monday, at 2-30 p.m.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Brother and Sister-in-law.

THOMAS AND MARGARET DONALDSON.
And Family.
22 James Street, Newtownards.

DONNELLY—December 30, 1938, at his residence, 1 St. John's Villas, Fortwilliam, Shore Road, Belfast, Patrick (Captain), relict of Sarah Donnelly.—R.I.P. The remains will be removed from above address to-morrow (Sunday), to St. Joseph's Church, at 8 p.m. Funeral on Monday, immediately after 10 o'clock Mass, to Milltown Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Family.

ARMAGH TEMPERANCE L.O.L. 745.

DUKE—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge regret the death of their esteemed Member, Br. Thomas Duke, and wish to extend their sympathy to Mrs. Duke and family in their trouble.

GEORGE C. TODD, W.M.
THOMAS H. MASON, P.M., Secy.

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SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM M'KIM MEMORIAL R.B.P. 440.

DUKE—The Officers and Members of above regret to learn of the tragic death of the brother of their esteemed Members, Sir Knights Fred and Archibald Duke, and extend to them and relatives very sincere sympathy.

J. J. DEMPSTER, W.M.
ALEX DEMPSTER, Reg.

GASKIN—December 30, 1938, at her residence, Kilvergan, Lurgan, Mary Gaskin. Funeral on to-morrow (Sunday), at 2 p.m., to the family burying-ground, Aghagallon. No flowers.

GIRVIN—December 31, 1938, at his residence, 11 Finmore Street, John, dearly-loved husband of Margaret Girvin. Funeral on Monday at 2-30 p.m., to Dundonald Churchyard.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Family.

GIRVIN—December 31, 1938, at his residence, 11 Finmore Street, John, dearly-loved father of Jack Girvin.

Safe in His keeping.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Son and Daughter-in-law.

JACK AND CLARA GIRVIN.
111 Church Street East.

GIRVIN—December 31, 1938, at his residence, 11 Finmore Street, John, dearly-loved father of Margaret Proctor.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Daughter and Son-in-law, Margaret and Albert Proctor, and Grandchild, Rita.

1 Rokeby Street.

GIRVIN—December 31, 1938, at his residence, 11 Finmore Street, John, beloved brother of Richard Girvin.

God will link the golden chain,
As one by one we meet again.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Brother and Sister-in-law, Richard and Esther Girvin, and Family, 31 Westbourne Street; also his sorrowing Brother, William G. Girvin, 73 Newtownards Road; also his sorrowing Sister and Brother-in-law, Mary and Henry M'Cabe, and Family, 24 Alcar Street.

GRACEY—December 30, 1938, at his residence, 15 Trillick Street, Matthew Gracey (formerly of Newtownbreda). Funeral from Messrs. Thos. Johnson & Sons' Funeral Parlour, 43 Bedford Street, on Monday, at 2 p.m., to Knockbreda Cemetery.

WILLIAM STEWART.

HAYES—December 30, 1938, at the Infirmary, Lisburn Road, William, dearly-beloved husband of Annie Hayes. His remains will be removed from his late residence, 38 Bentham Street, at 2-30, on Monday, to City Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Family.

Canadian papers, please copy.

HAYES—December 30, 1938, at the Infirmary, Lisburn Road, William, dearly-beloved father of John Hayes.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Son.
JOHN HAYES.

Balmoral Boys' School.

HAYES—December 30, 1938, at the Infirmary, Lisburn Road, William, dearly-beloved father of Rachel and Elizabeth.

Deeply regretted by his Daughters and Sons-in-law.

RACHEL AND JOSEPH MUNCE.
1 Felt Street.
ELIZABETH AND W. JAMES FINLAY.
Bangor.

BURNING BUSH R.B.P. No. 1197.

HAYES—Officers and Members of above are requested to attend the funeral of the father of their esteemed Sir Knight Hayes.

SAMUEL M'MUNN, W.M.
WILLIAM MAGEE, Registrar.

GREAT NORTHERN TRUE BLUES L.O.L. No. 964.

HAYES—Officers and Members of above are requested to attend the funeral of the father of their esteemed Member, Br. John Hayes.

THOMAS SMYTH, W.M.
W. G. MAGEE, Secy.

R.A.O.B.—STAR OF HOPE LODGE 3569.

HAYES—The Officers and Members of above Lodge desire to express their sincere sympathy to their esteemed Brother, John Hayes, C.P., on the death of his father.

S. STEWART, W.P., K.O.M.
A. THOMPSON, C.Secy., C.P.

HUSTON—December 30, 1938, at his residence, 3 Frank Street, Belfast, William Mervyn, dearly-beloved husband of Annie Huston, and last surviving son of the late John and Margaret Huston, of Drumbore House, Cloone, Co. Leitrim. House and funeral private.

Deeply regretted by his Wife and Daughter.

MAGEE—December 29, 1938, at his residence, Dundrum Road, Newcastle, Henry Magee (Poultry Dealer), beloved husband of Jane Magee. His remains will be removed from above address on to-morrow (Sunday), 1st January, at 2-30 p.m., to St. John's Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Family.

MAGEE—December 29, 1938, at his residence, Dundrum Road, Newcastle, Henry Magee (Poultry Dealer), dearly-beloved father of Mary Ann M'Cune, 68 Bucks' Road, Douglas, I.O.M.

Sleep on, dear father, thy labours o'er,
Thy willing hands will toil no more;
For all of us you did your best,
Jesus took you Home to rest.

Deeply regretted.

MAGEE—December 29, 1938, at his residence, Dundrum Road, Newcastle, Henry Magee (Poultry Dealer), beloved father of James Magee, Drumee, Castlewellan. His remains will be removed from his late residence to-morrow (Sunday), at 2-30 p.m., to St. John's Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by James and Maggie Magee and Grandchildren.

MAGEE—December 29, 1938, at his residence, Dundrum Road, Newcastle, Henry Magee (Poultry Dealer), beloved father of George Magee, Bryansford Road, Newcastle. His remains will be removed from his late residence to-morrow (Sunday), at 2-30 p.m., to St. John's Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by George and Agnes Magee and Granddaughter, Helen.

MAGEE—December 28, 1938, at Newcastle, County Down, Henry, beloved husband of Jane Magee, and brother of David Magee, 5 Sastlereagh Road, Belfast.

Deeply regretted.

MAGEE—December 29, 1938, at his residence, Dundrum Road, Newcastle, Henry Magee, beloved grandfather of Emily M'Cune and Mary M'Kittrick.

At rest.

Inserted by his loving Granddaughters, Emily M'Cune, Douglas, I.O.M.; Mary M'Kittrick and Husband, Daisy Hill, Randalstown.

MARTIN—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 37 Annalee Street, Belfast, Frances, widow of James Martin (Limavady). Funeral from her late residence on Monday, at 2 p.m., to Carnmoney.

Deeply regretted.

Canadian papers please copy.

STAR OF HOPE T.A. L.O.L. 479.

MARTIN—The Members of above Lodge regret to learn of the death of the mother of their esteemed Member, James Martin, and extend to him their sincere sympathy. Members are requested to attend the funeral.

H. BINGHAM, W.M.
H. M'CREEDY, Secy.

M'CULLY—December 31, 1938, at his residence, 20 Linfield Road, Henry, beloved husband of Mary J. M'Cully. His remains will be removed on Monday, at 2-30 p.m., to City Cemetery.

Gone to be with Christ.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Family.

M'DOWELL—December 29, 1938 (the result of an accident), Margaret A., third daughter of the late Robert and Mary Massey M'Dowell. Funeral from her late residence, Moira, on to-morrow (Sunday), at 3 p.m., to the family burying-ground, Moira Presbyterian Churchyard.

M'DOWELL—December 30, 1938, at his residence, 102 Sloan Street, Lurgan, Robert M'Dowell. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday), at 2-30 p.m., to Maralin Old Churchyard.

M'MINN—December 30, 1938, at her residence, 90 Ainsworth Avenue, Annie, relict of David M'Minn, late of Dungannon House and funeral strictly private.

O'NEILL—December 31, 1938, at her residence, 37 Marsden Gardens, Susan, third daughter of the late John and Annie O'Neill.—R.I.P. Funeral to Craigbane on Monday, at 11-30 a.m.

PORTER—December 31, 1938, at the Hospital, Lisburn Road, Robert, husband of the late Sarah Porter. Funeral from his late residence, 64 Bentinck Street, on Monday, 2nd January, at 2 p.m., to Carnmoney Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Daughters.

RAINEY—December 30, 1938, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Joseph, dearly-loved husband of Matilda Rainey, 22 Newry Street. Funeral on Monday, 2nd, at 2 p.m., to City Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Son; also his Father, Mother, and Sisters, Castleview Road.

RAINEY—December 30, 1938, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Joseph, dearly-beloved brother of Minnie M'Nabb.

Deeply regretted by his Sister, Brother-in-law, and Family.

MINNIE AND CHAS. A. M'NABB.
21 Oberon Street.

THOMPSON—December 30, 1938, at his son's residence, Carnrea Road, Hillsborough, William Thompson. Funeral on to-morrow (Sunday), at 2 p.m., to Hillsborough Churchyard. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Son, Daughter-in-law, and Grandchildren.

NELSON AND ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

TUPPEN—December 30, 1938, at her residence, Glenarm, Jeannie, dearly-beloved wife of William Tuppen. Funeral on to-morrow (Sunday), at 3 p.m., to New Cemetery, Glenarm.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Husband and Family; also Sister and Brother-in-law, Catherine and Archie Davison, Wellington Street, Ballymena.

TUPPEN—December 30, 1938, at her residence, Glenarm, Jeannie, dearly-beloved wife of William Tuppen.

Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Daughter, Son-in-law, and Grandson.

KATHLEEN AND HARRY LEE.
"Rosemount." R.U.C. Barracks, Derry City.

WATTS—December 30, 1938, at Bangor, Co. Down, Charles, dearly-beloved son of Charles and Eliza Watts, of Whitehill, Ballyrobert. Funeral to City Cemetery on Monday, at 11 o'clock.

BANGOR RISING SUN L.O.L. 865.

WATTS—The Officers and Members of above Lodge deeply regret the death of the son of their highly-respected Brother, Charles Watts, P.M. Members are requested to attend the funeral.

HUGH YOUNG, W.M.
JOHN P. GIBSON, Secy.

THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beattie and Family desire to thank the many kind Friends and Neighbours who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement to the Teachers and Pupils of the Lawther P.E. School for their beautiful wreath, and to all who sent floral tributes and letters of condolence. Hoping this acknowledgment will be accepted by all.—Shanoguestown, Muckamore.

Mrs. Mitchell and Family desire to express their sincere thanks to the many kind Friends and Neighbours who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, especially to his Fellow-workers for their great kindness; to Carnmoney British Legion, and to all those who sent floral tributes and letters of sympathy. Hoping this acknowledgment will be accepted by all.—22 Old Row, Mossley.

The Relatives of the late **Miss Mary Ellen M'Knight** desire to return their sincere thanks to the many kind Friends and Neighbours who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, especially to those who sent floral tributes, letters and telegrams of condolence. Hoping this acknowledgment will be accepted by all.—Templepatrick.

Miss Rose Niblock wishes to thank the many kind Friends and Neighbours who sympathised with her in her recent sad bereavement. Trusting this will be accepted in grateful acknowledgment. — Mullaghdubh, Islandmagee.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice and Family wish to return their sincere thanks to the many kind Friends who sympathised with them in their sad bereavement, especially those who sent floral tributes and letters of sympathy. Hoping this acknowledgment will be accepted by all.—2 Ormonde Gardens.

IN MEMORIAM.

ALWELL—In loving memory of my dear son, Thomas, died December 31, 1937.

Years roll on and we must bear
Whatever is our lot;
But as long as life and memory last
He'll never be forgot.

Ever remembered by Mother, Stepfather and Molly.

51 Thompson's Square, Whitehouse.

ANDERSON—In loving memory of our dear Father and Mother; also Brother James, killed in action.

"The years cannot dim the love that never dies."

Ever remembered by their loving Family and Daughter-in-law.

38 Broadway.

ATCHISON—In affectionate remembrance of my dear Husband, William John Atchison, who died 1st January, 1938.

One sad and lonely year has passed,
Since our great sorow fell;
The shock that we received that morn
We still remember well.

Ever remembered by his loving Wife and Family.

17 Tavanagh Street.

BELL—In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie, who passed away on January 1st, 1938.

"Too good in life to be forgotten in death."

From her dear Husband,
R. BELL.
(Late of Ritchie Street.)

BOYD—In loving memory of Edith, eldest daughter of Samuel Boyd and the late Catherine Boyd, died 31st December, 1936, and was interred in Carnmoney.

Inserted by her Father.
SAMUEL BOYD.
12 Loopland Drive.

CULL—In loving remembrance of our dear sister, Norah, who died on December 31, 1932.

At the River's crystal brink,
Christ shall join each broken link.

Ever remembered by the Family circle.

EVELYN AND JOHN MERCER.
131 Euston Street.

HAINON—In loving remembrance of a dear Wife and Mother, who passed away 1st January, 1937.

Always remembered by her loving Husband and Son.

J. D. AND J. C. HAINON.

Also her Brothers and Sisters.

Helenview, Greenisland.

HAMILTON—In loving remembrance of Mother, who died 31st December, 1937. Interred in Soldierstown Churchyard.

What though in lonely grief I sigh,
For friends beloved no longer nigh.

S. HAMILTON.
194 Ainsworth Avenue.

HESLIP—Twenty-third anniversary of my dear husband, Wm. Heslip, who was lost at sea on ss Glenariff on December 31, 1915.

Memories drift to days gone past,
Life goes on, but thoughts still last.

Ever remembered by his loving Wife and Family.

SARAH HESLIP.
29 Lawther Place.

HOLLAND—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Susan, who departed this life 31st December, 1934, and was interred in Dundonald Cemetery.

A face that is ever before me,
A voice I shall never forget·
A smile that will linger for ever,
In my memory I still see it yet.

Ever remembered by her sorrowing Father, Mother, Brother Alexander, and Sisters, 28 Templemore Avenue; also her Brother and Sister-in-law, Wright and Elizabeth Holland, 22 Abbot Street.

HOLLAND—In loving memory of our dear Sister, Susan, who departed this life 31st December, 1934, and was interred in Dundonald Cemetery.

It's only good night, dear sister,
Just as we used to say;
But we will meet again in the morning,
At the dawn of a happy day.

Ever remembered by her Sister, Brother-in-law, Nephews and Niece.

MARY AND ALBERT BARKER.
28 Templemore Avenue.

HOLLAND—In memory of my dear sister, Susan, who died 31st December, 1934.

It's only good-night, dear sister,
That's what we all used to say,
I'll see you again in the morning
At the dawn of another day.

Sadly missed by her Sister and Brother-in-law.

MATILDA AND WILLIAM LATIMER.
17 Whitla Street.

MARTIN—In loving memory of my dear husband, Frederick George Martin, who died 31st December, 1936.

Ever remembered by his loving Wife and Family.

MARY MARTIN.
72 Percy Street.

MILLS—A token of love to the memory of dear Uncle Harry, died 1st January, 1938.

To good in life to be forgotten in death.

Inserted by William Stewart and Family, Harry, Margaret, Betty and wee Billy.

107 Ebor Street.

MITCHELL—In loving memory of my dear husband, George Mitchell, who departed this life 31st December, 1936.

Until the day break and the shadows flee away.

Ever remembered by his sorrowing Wife and Family.

87 Fortingale Street.

MITCHELL—In loving memory of our dear brother, George Mitchell, who departed this life 31st December, 1936.

Gone but not forgotten.

Ever remembered by his sorrowing Sister and Brother-in-law.

MARGARET AND HUGH NESBITT.

Also Niece Meta.

129 Fortingale Street.

M'MILLAN—In treasured remembrance of our darling daughter, Agnes (Nessie), who died 31st December, 1937.

"She lives with us in memory still."

Ever remembered by her Father, Mother, and Sisters.

M'MILLEN—In loving memory of Agnes (Nessie), who pased away 31st December, 1937.

She was a flower too fair for earth,
sent her but for a while;
God marked her when He gave her birth,
And took her with a smile.

Ever remembered by her loving Grandmother, Uncle and Aunt.

260 Crimea Street.

M'WILLIAMS—In fond remembrance of our dear daughter Mollie, who was called Home on the 30th December, 1930; also our dear daughter, Florence, called Home 21st January, 1933.

Always remembered by her loving Father, Mother, Brother and Sister; also her Brother and Sister-in-law, Billy and Ena.

STEWART—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Frederick Stewart, who died 1st January, 1932.

Remembrance is the sweetest flower,
In the garden of our thoughts

Ever remembered by his loving Wife and Family.

MARGARET STEWART.
7 Lyndhurst Gardens.

STEWART—In loving memory of our dear niece, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, who departed this life on 1st January, 1935

Ever remembered by her Aunts.

Lawrence Street.

TOPPING—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Dora, died 31st December, 1931; also Lily, died 30th July, 1925.

Ever remembered by their Mother, Stepfather, Brothers and Sisters, and little Son.

WM. AND MARY ROBINSON.
79 Hudson Street.

TURNBULL—In cherished memory of my dear husband, James H. Turnbull, died 31st December, 1937.

One worthy of remembrance.
He did his best for all, and at the end of the road he shall meet us with that same sweet smile.

MIMA TURNBULL.
Dundonald.

WATSON—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Edna, who died on the 31st December, 1937.

No more dark nights of suffering,
No more sad days of pain;
She dwells in a land of perfect bliss,
For death to her was gain.

Sadly missed by her loving Father, Mother and Sisters.

THE LATE MR. DAVID W. KANE.

The funeral took place to-day from his residence 11 Manor Street, Belfast, of Mr. David W. Kane.

There was a large and representative attendance including members of Clifton, Oldpark, and Shankill Unionist Associations, and Agnes Street Methodist Church, and some of his former colleagues from Highfield Factory.

The service was in the hands of Rev. Albert Holland, Minister of Agnes Street Methodist Church and interment took place in Mallusk Cemetery.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Wilton, Crumlin Road, Belfast.

World News To-day

Off To Djibouti.

Sixteen officers and 750 men of the Senegalese Rifles embarked for Djibouti from Marseilles. "The French Colonial Army conquered our colonies. It will know how to defend them," said General Olry, after inspecting them.

U.S. And Japs.

The U.S. Ambassador in Tokio has delivered a Note to the Japanese Government containing a flat refusal to recognise Japan's effort to establish a "new order in China."

Memel Murder.

Lithuania faces the threat of becoming Europe's latest trouble spot following the discovery of the body of a Memel pro-Nazi chief, riddled with bullets.

New Year Wish.

"My heartfelt wish is that 1939 may bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to all in Northern Ireland," is the Duke of Abercorn's message to the Province.

More U-Boats.

After discussing in Berlin Germany's desire to build up to 100 per cent. of British submarine strength—a right given her by the 1935 Treaty—the British Admiralty mission returned to London.

Star's Mishap.

George Robey, who is appearing in pantomime at Birmingham, fell off the stage and fractured three ribs.

MONDAY'S RACING FORECASTS.

SELECTIONS BY "BURNABY."

MANCHESTER MEETING.

1. 0—PRAXITHELES II.
1.30—CONWAY.
2. 0—ARGENTAL; if absent, SOLARIUM.
2.30—WILD LANCER.
3. 0—LIMACE. * If absent, GAY SAINT.
3.30—LORD DRINMORE; if absent, DON BOSCO.

PLUMPTON MEETING.

1. 0—MICHLEAN; if ab., COURTESY
1.30—KNIGHT OF MONASTER; if absent, BOB EACH WAY.
2. 0—SAD JESTER; if ab., LANDOWNER.
2.30—LIGHTLY SPRUNG; if absent, BELLE AMIE II.
3. 0—ATLANTIC BLUE; if absent, PAPAGENO.
3.30—SOLOGNOT; * if absent, CHEESE.

A Likely Double:—
LIMACE and SOLOGNOT.

TO-DAY'S SPORTING.

NEWBURY MEETING.

1-0—**WROUGHTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 150 sovs; second to receive 5 sovs; for three-year-olds and upwards; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.

10 2 **ROUNDHEAD, 6** (Mr. G. Todd) G. Anderson 1
11 9 **PRIOR JACK, 4** (Mr. J. Anthony) J. Moloney 2
11 2 **SHANDYGAFF, 6** (Mr. Jordan) Mr. H. Applin 3

Also ran—Spasm (M. Feakes), Bleu de Roi II. (Mr. J. Dennistoun), Eshton (Frank Rickaby), Uncanny II. (W. Parvin), Lisic (R. Everett), Culbertson (Mr. Kellie-Smith), The Black Witch (J. Dowdeswell), Chalo (E. W. Jones), Ellen's Garter (J. Vowles), Fleet Street (E. Taylor), Eliza (Mr J. Gordon), Gisborough (T. Rimell), Le Bizco (C. Mitchell), Flying Admiral (H. Jones), Oversley Wood (K. Piggott), and Chanticleer (T. Isaac).

Winner trained by G. Todd, East Ilsley.

Betting—7 to 2 agst Eshton, 9 to 2 agst Prior Jack, 6 to 1 agst Shandygaff, 7 to 1 each agst Spasm and Eliza, 8 to 1 each agst The Black Witch and Lisic, 10 to 1 each agst Oversley Wood and Ellen's Garter, 100 to 8 agst Uncanny II, and **100 to 7 each agst Roundhead** or any other. Race started at 1-3.

Tote—Win—£2 11s. Places—15s 6d, 7s 4d, and 4s 9d

Spasm, Chalo, Eliza, Ellen's Garter, and Culbertson was the order passing the stands. On the bend approaching home Spasm, Culbertson, and Prior Jack were disputing the lead when Roundhead suddenly shot to the front entering the straight. Two flights rom home Prior Jack assumed control, with Roundhead, Shandygaff, Eliza, and Culbertson in close attendance. Prior Jack and Roundhead drew away at the last flight and Roundhead, showing the better speed on the flat, went on to win by half a length; three lengths between the second and third. Eliza was fourth, and Fleet Street last. Time—4mins. 5 2-5secs.

Roundhead was sold to Capt. R. Blunt for 110 guineas.

1-30—**WILTS SELLING STEEPLECHASE** of 150 sovs; second to receive 5 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.

12 3 **LINDBERGH, 9** (Capt. Westmacott) S. Magee 1
12 3 **FAIR OUTLOOK, 7** (Mr. Holloway) F. Walwyn 2
12 3 **BLUE NOSE, 8** (Mr. I. Davis) J. Farrell 3

Also ran—Rallye Puisaye (Mr. Mildmay), Wild Meadow (P. Kirby), Linby Hall (P. Wall), Ergo (Mr. J. Dennis), Vasistas (T. Rimell), Celtic Rover (Mr. J. H. Gordon), Westerlands (Mr. J. Hartigan), Ballinvulla (P. Lay), Towcester (W. Parvin), and Range of Arrow (Mr. R. Petre).

Winner trained by Gosden, Telscombe.

Betting—11 to 4 agst Westerlands, 7 to 2 **agst Lindbergh**, 7 to 1 agst Fair Outlook, 3 to 1 each agst Blue Nose, Vasistas, Celtic Rover, and Towcester, 100 to 8 agst Rallye Puisaye, 100 to 7 each agst Linby Hall and Range of Arrow, and 20 to 1 each agst any other. Race started at 1-32.

Tote—Win—11s 3d. Places—4s 8d, 6s 9d, and 5s 11d.

Ballinvulla was clear of Ergo, Blue Nose, Rallye Puisaye, and Westerlands at the first fence on the far side, where Linby Hall came down. After leading into the straight Ballinvulla dropped back, leaving Fair Outlook in front of Lindberg and Blue Nose, with Towcester improving. Fair Outlook jumped the last fence just in front of Lindbergh, Blue Nose, and Towcester, who blundered badly. Gradually Lindbergh overhauled Fair Outlook on the flat, and holding him and the fast-finishing Blue Nose at bay won by a head; same distance between the second and third. Range of Arrow was fourth, and Towcester last. Time—4mins. 16 3-5secs.

2-0—**LAMBOURN HANDICAP 'CHASE** of 250 sovs; second to receive 30 sovs, third 15 sovs; for four-year-olds and upwards. Three miles.

12 7 **DUNHILL CASTLE, 8** (Sir W. Chilcott) .... F. Walwyn 1
11 11 **LUTIN III., 6** (Mrs. Janson) G. Wilson 2
10 13 **MONTREJEAU II., 8** (Lady Granard) E. C. Brown 3

Also ran—Timber Wolf (J. Fawcus), Peaceful Walter (S. Magee), Takvr Pacha (A. Mullins), and Khris Kingle (E. Taylor).

Winner trained by H. Lowe, Bishop's Waltham, Hants.

Betting—9 to 4 agst Timber Wolf, 3 to 1 agst Montrejeau II., **4 to 1 each agst Dunhill Castle** and Peaceful Walter, 10 to 1 agst Takvor Pacha, and 100 to 8 each agst any other. Race started at 2-1.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Juvenile Hurdle, Newbury—Fickle Fortune and O.P.

Castle Handicap Hurdle, Manchester—Acto, Miltonic, and Robber Chief.

Station Selling Hurdle, Haydock Park—Robber Chief.

All published handicaps—Pat's Cottage.

A Meeting That Gave Ulster
Nearly 30 New Churches

SEE TO-DAY'S CENTRE PAGE.

Belfast Telegraph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1938.

A MUSICAL
SURVEY OF 1938

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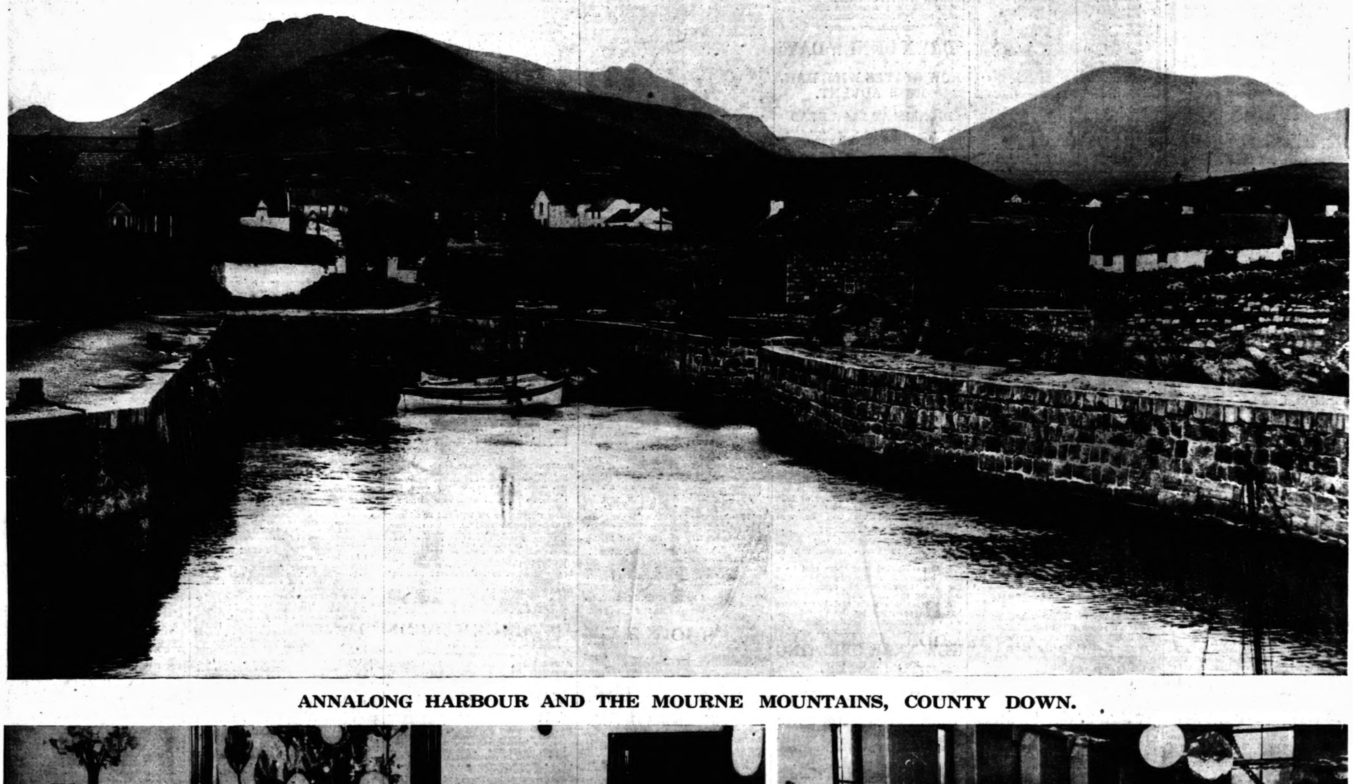

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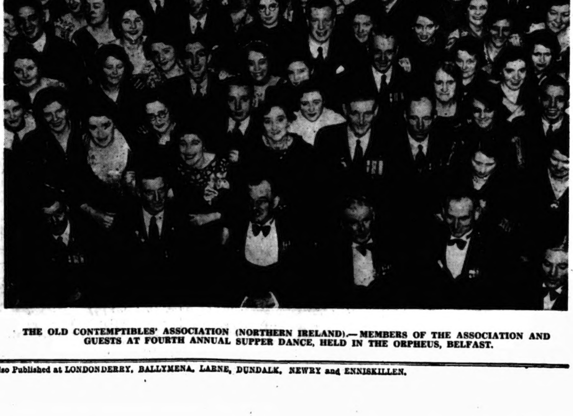

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